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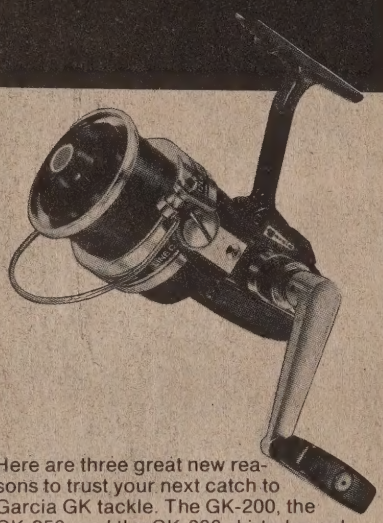

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Fishermen with strong opinions and feelings on this topic, either pro or con, are urged to attend. Generally, it is customary at these hearings, that anyone who wishes to speak at the hearing will have to sign up to do so before the meeting begins.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS FOR SURF FISHERMEN

It recently came to our attention that the L.I. State Park Commission plans to charge surf fishermen for parking in **all** Long Island State Parks. This information was not included in last week's Editor's Head. Parking charges will apply as follows:

Time when fee will be charged: 8AM to 6 PM, at a rate of $1.50 per **car**.

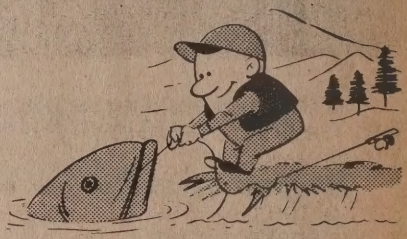
Seasons when fee will be collected: April 29, 1978 **through** May 21, 1978—weekends **only**; May 22, 1978 through September 1, 1978—**daily**, and September 2, 1978 through September 24, 1978—weekends **only**.

PROPOSED 1978 ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA REGULATIONS

The National Marine Fisheries Service announced today, publication of proposed amendments to the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna regulations. The regulations, first promulgated in 1976 and amended in 1977, are intended to implement the recommendations of the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. The proposed amendments would modify annual catch quotas, seasons, reporting requirements, and inspection requirements for U.S. vessels fishing for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna during 1978.

The proposed amendments would, in part, increase from 2000 to 2250 the number of giant bluefin tuna taken by gear other than purse seines; would prohibit landing more than one giant per day during the period June 25 through September 9, or more than seven fish per week from January 1 through June 24 and from September 10 until the 2250 fish quota has been reached; would change the opening of the season for purse seining of giants from September 1 to Septembe 10; would clarify the various tagging requirments; and would require fishermen to report the length of each fish landed. In addition to these proposed amendments, existing regulations require that the owner of any vessel fishing for giant bluefin tuna to obtain a bluefin tuna certificate for the vessel and to carry it on board the vessel at all times. Certificates are issued, free of charge, by the National Marine Fisheries Service and remain in effect until the vessel is destroyed, sold, or transferred to another owner, returned or revoked.

Written comments may be submitted to the Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, Federal Building, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Copies of the proposed amended 1978 regulations may be obtained from the Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Washington, D.C. 20235 or the Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, Federal Building, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, MA 01930.



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PRIZES: Of the total entries collected, 25% will be taken by the Club for tournament expenses. Of the remaining 75%, prizes are as follows: 50%—largest shark; 30%—2nd largest shark; 20%—3rd largest shark, plus a special award for the boat tagging and releasing the most sharks.

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The course, conducted by the Bay Constables of Hempstead Town's Department of Conservation and Waterways, will be held in three separate series this spring. Given for youngsters 10 to 16 years of age, it is mandatory in New York State that this course be completed in order to operate a motor boat. Participants must attend classes on both dates of the series they select in order to become certified.

FIRST SESSION: Saturdays, April 15 and 29, with classes from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

SECOND SESSION: Saturdays, April 22 and May 6, with classes from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

THIRD SESSION: Saturdays, May 13 and May 27, with classes from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Each class will be limited to 40 in size, and registration is a **must**. Registration will be accepted by phone from 9 AM to 5 PM on Wednesday, April 12, by calling the Point Lookout Town Marina Office at 431-9200. The classes will be given at the Conservation and Waterways Administration Building located on Lido Blvd., in Point Lookout (across the street from the Town Park at Point Lookout).

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CLUB NEWS

ATLANTIC ANGLERS CALLS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Atlantic Anglers of Freeport are having their next monthly meeting on April 25, Tuesday, 8 PM, at the Salty Bay Yacht Club, 180 Westside Ave., Freeport, N.Y. For further information, contact Bob Peters, Membership Chairman, 546-4756.

ATLANTIC BEACH ROD AND GUN CLUB LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

The Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club was formed and chartered in 1958. As a group of sports fishermen interested in promoting comradship in fishing and boating, there are now a limited number of openings for membership due to attrition in membership.

Regular meetings are held at the Keystone Yacht Club on the third Monday of each month.

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learn.

I'm thinking seriously of also purchasing a boat and would like advice on that. Therefore, I'm looking for a fishing club or association to join where I can meet and learn from the "experts." I have an automobile, so my commute from Manhattan would not be a problem.

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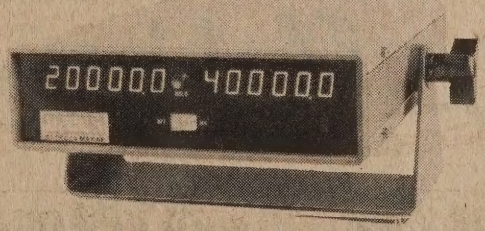

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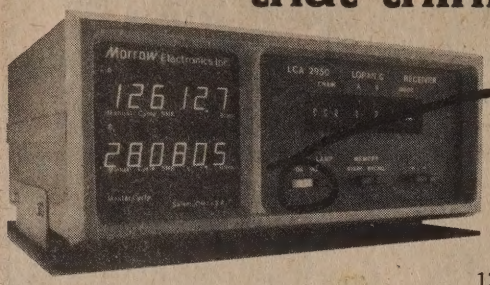

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Your experience is not unusual for this time of the year. Since you say that you acquired the clams from a clammer at the dock, it is doubtful that they were not fresh. It is more likely that the clams were exposed to freezing temperatures for a few hours. In the cold, clams will open up a bit, but that does not mean that the flesh is contaminated. But in the final analysis, you know the circumstances under which the clams were acquired and stored and you'll be the one to eat them—so that it is your choice.

WILL THIS BE A BETTER YEAR?

It is my opinion that since we have the 200 Mile Limit, perhaps the fishing will be as bountiful as it once was. What do you think the percentage of increase will be for the following fish this year? Flounder; weakfish; fluke; bluefish, and mackerel.

It seemed to be better last season, and I hope it will improve again this season. **Gene Zarcone, N.Y.**

Unfortunately it will be several years before we can see any significant effects of the 200 Mile Limit. That's true in most cases anyway. Perhaps we have already begun to benefit from the law with respect to pollock and cod—but that remains speculation. The 200 Mile Limit won't help us much with the inshore species you mention. For these we have to rely on the whims of Mom Nature!

Taking them one by one: we think that we are overdue for a good flounder season and perhaps we will get it this year. Weakfishing will remain good, but spotty—not the all-out slaughter that we knew in the early years of this decade. Fluke show signs of petering out—sadly. Bluefish should remain good, especially if the fisheries management council choose to intervene and prevent domestic fishermen from over-harvesting bluefish for export. Mackerel should improve over the next five years, but the increase should be gradual. The quality of the upcoming season will depend much more on local circumstances, especially the bait supply.

QUINCY INFORMATION FROM READER

In November 24, 1977, Issue No. 45, Chum Lines, page 6, Mr. Charles Wanderer was asking if he could get an article on fall and winter fishing at Quincy, Mass.

Codfishing is very good in the last part of March and April; the flounder not before the end of April up to the end of November, when they generally close around Thanksgiving. I go in the middle of May and October. Then the fishing is good; no place like it, all summer. I have been fishing near Quincy since Dick Alley used to write "Connecticut Lines" in the Long Island Fisherman magazine, back in 1969.

If somebody wants more information, they can write to me at: 80 Medford Ave., Patchogue, New York 11772. **William Lambert.**

STOP THE POLITICAL CRAP

I almost stopped my subscription to The Long Island Fisherman. You fellows have changed over the last year and I for one am not pleased.

You are talking "down" to the readers, with exception of Matt Ahern, who is on a par with "Guy Gilpatric."

The old-timers who supported your paper when first starting seem to agree.

As constructive criticism: a little less on the political crap and a little more on know-how would be real fine. **R. Brown, Massapequa, NY.**

We try our best, but inevitably we sometimes are off target. All of the L.I.F. staff are fishermen and, therefore, we number ourselves among the masses, not powers that be. In the final analysis you have a good and valid point and one which we have been investigating. If we have been out of line at times, then the buck stops here and we must change. We consider ourselves lucky that our readers—"old-timers" and new-timers alike—think enough of us that they feel comfortable in telling us when we slip. You suggest that we offer a little less of the "political crap" and perhaps you are right. Nevertheless, we cannot avoid becoming involved completely. There are too many things happening that can drastically affect sport fishing—both for better and for worse. We discuss it in the publication to help fishermen be as well informed as possible. The successful passage of 200-mile limit legislation and the short-circuiting of last year's Kidder Saltwater License Bill are good examples of how we get political for good reason.

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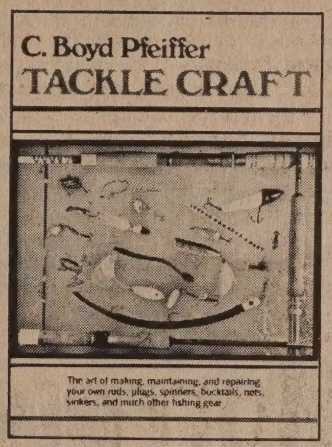
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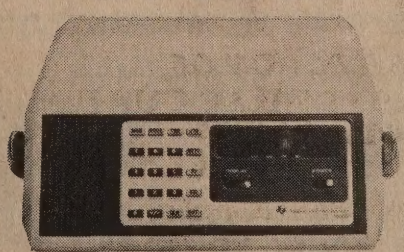

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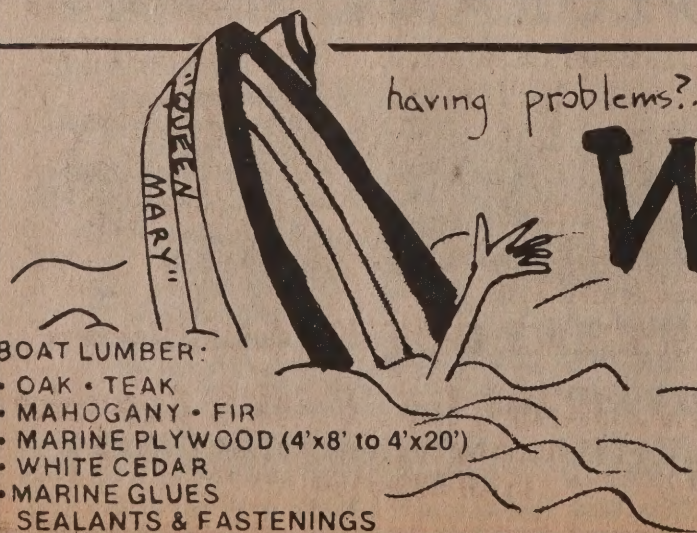

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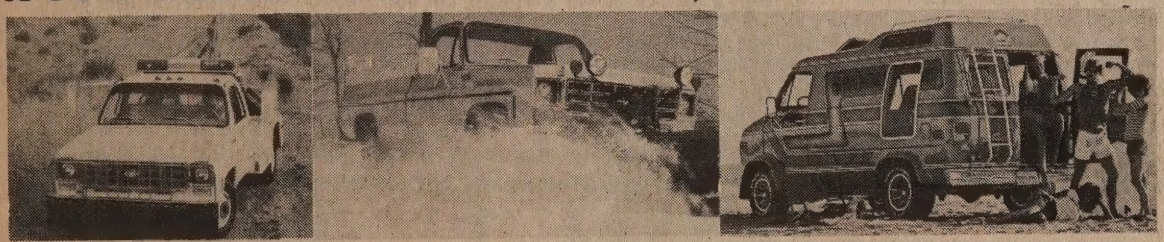

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with Dr. William A. Muller ★ *Part Two* ★

SMALL BUT DEADLY: Last week we began our look into the deep zone of the ocean where there is no light; productivity is minimal, hence life is spread out, and the water is ruled by fierce-looking deep sea monsters that rule with an iron hand in spite of being only several inches in length. Perhaps surprisingly, there are several groups of fishes that have adapted to the cold dark depths, and although there are a number of different species, they all possess certain similar anatomical structures and apply their "professions" in similar ways.

FAMILY STOMIATIDAE, THE DEEP SEA SCALY DRAGONFISHES. This is a small family of fishes that consists of only a handful of species. Similar to the viperfishes, the dragonfishes can open their mouths wide enough to engulf prey that is at least as large as they are, but from the anatomy of the head region, it seems to be a likely assumption that the dragonfishes cannot close their mouths completely. Dragonfishes have a long, tapered projection from their chins that is similar to the small tactile barbels of codfish and other groundfish. Apparently, the dragonfishes use this long barbel to attract prey to their vicinity. Some species also have knobs or thickenings located near the end of the barbel and these knobs are luminous. Thus, the barbel may help to attract the prey over long distances with the use of light and then from a short distance with a tantalizing undulation of the barbel. The chin projection may also be useful in attracting mates during breeding. This seems to be consistent with what we believe are the functions of luminous organs in deep sea animals. Most dragonfishes are darkly colored: black and/or brown are predominant. Once again, the dragon fishes are small and few exceed six inches.

FAMILY ALEPOCEPHALIDAE: DEEP SEA SLICK HEADS. This is a rather large group of fishes that lack, in most cases, the body parts that might qualify them as deep water monsters. Nonetheless, they still have the large eyes and luminous body organs typical of the dark water world. Most of the species live at depths in excess of 2000 feet, and thus they are known only to those who deliberately seek them out for scientific study. The slick-heads are actually relatives of the herring, but only resemble them superficially. Unlike the other deep sea beasts that we have been discussing, the slick-heads have soft-rayed fins. In most species, the fins are simple as well and lack the ornate fin-ray extensions so common in this zone. The dorsal and the anal fin are placed very far to the rear and since the head is disproportionately large, the fish has a missile-like appearance. The slick-heads are more noteworthy for the anatomical features that they do not possess rather than those that they do. They are generally uniform black or purplish-black and lack the elaborate teeth and luminous organs of other deep sea monsters. They lack adipose, or fat tissue, and there is no swim bladder. There is one species that has ornamental pectoral fins but this, too, is unusual since most other monsters typically have embellishments of the dorsal fins and/or barbels under the chin. The slick-heads are usually less than twelve inches in length.

FAMILY MYCTOPHIDAE: LANTERNFISHES. It may not be appropriate to call the lanternfishes monsters of the deep since they really are common at intermediate depths. Still, they may swim in water as deep as 1000 feet and qualify in other of our monster criteria. True to form, they are small and rarely exceed six inches in length. They also have larger-than-average eyes for coping with dim or occasional light. They have numerous light-producing organs on their bodies. Interestingly, the luminous organs are not uniform in their intensity and the placement of the brightest lights are typical of the species. Thus, in some cases, the lights on the head may pale the others; while in other species the lights along the side of the body or under the belly may be the brightest. Most biologically produced light is greenish, but among members of the lanternfishes, the light may be green, yellowish, or reddish. Since they are residents of the middle depths, they are generally more colorful than the fish of extremely deep water. They may be gray or brown, but these basic colors will be highlighted with silver, white, tones of blue or silver-blue and yellow. Like so many other deep sea monsters, the lanternfishes migrate daily. At night they will swim closer to the surface to feed, but they will descend into the aphotic zone when the sun rises. They will not be as abundant at levels closer to the surface during moonlight nights because the brightness of the moon will approximate some measure of sunlight. The lanternfishes inhabit

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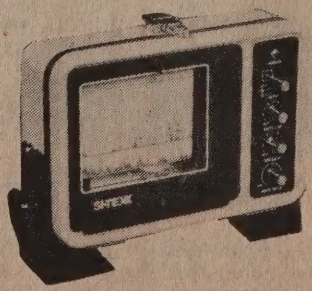

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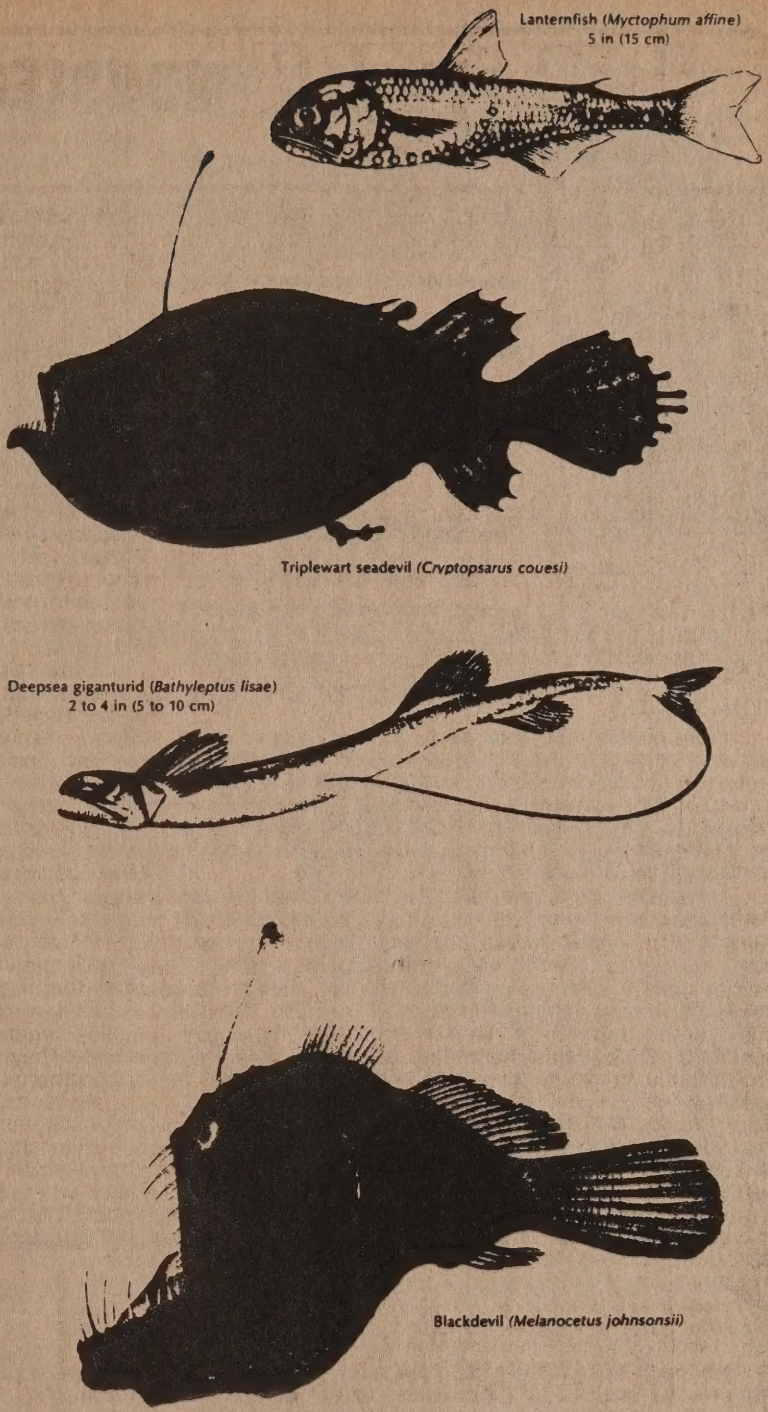
the oceans of the world from pole to pole and unlike other deep sea fish that we have talked about, the lanternfishes are quite abundant.

FAMILY GIGANTURIDAE, DEEP SEA GIGANTURIDS. Maybe it sounds like we have finally found our deep sea missing link? After all, the first part of the name would suggest largeness. But we would be wrong. These fish may be among the smallest of the fish that we have looked at. They are generally only one, two or three inches in length, but they are garish enough to qualify for our chamber of horrors. They have a small dorsal fin and anal fin that is set far back on the body. The body is long, thin, and eel-like. Generally, they have very elaborate tail fins and either the upper or lower fork of the tail may have an extended filament that may be as long or almost as long as the entire animal. They have no scales, which tends to make them look a little more friendly than the viperfish with its armor plating. The eyes of these fish are telescopic which is another adaptation to the dark world that they live in. Theoretically, the giganturids can detect the biological light produced by other animals at great distances and then be able to focus on it with great accuracy. The giganturids seem to predominate in the Atlantic and the Indian Oceans. Typical of the species are large and unusually placed pectoral fins. They are set behind the gill covers, but very high on the dorsal side. Thus, with a broad, fan-like structure, they take on the appearance of wings. The giganturids have very large mouths with the characteristic needle-like teeth and can consume prey that is larger than they are. Their coloration is blue, silvery-blue, metallic blue, with white bellies.

DEEP SEA ANGLERS. These fish may be better known to fishermen, since some species may inhabit somewhat shallower water and thus they may be caught by hook and line fishermen from time to time while deep sea bottom fishing. The deep sea anglers qualify as grotesque monsters of the deep. They have enormous mouths and in fact, the greater percentage of the animal is head and mouth. It is as if the tail were stuck onto the fish directly behind the gills; thus, these fish are very sluggish and spend most of their time quietly resting on the bottom. However, in truth, they do not need speed since nature has blessed these angler fish with a built-in rod and lure. In most species, the first dorsal spine has been modified into a long rod. Frequently, the end of the rod has a fleshy bulb or fringed organ. The rod with its fleshy lure waves in the current as the angler fish rests motionless on the bottom. Since these fish are generally dull in color, they have no difficulty blending in with their surroundings. The dull browns, blacks, and mottled combinations are a good match for most bottoms. When a curious victim approaches, intent on making a meal of the fleshy lure, the angler will suddenly extend its mouth and engulf the victim. Even those angler fishes that may live in shallower water where there is more light are not brightly colored and generally have evolved a coloration pattern that allows them to blend into their surroundings. Most deep sea anglers have long, needle-like teeth that are so typical of the monsters of the deep. One of the most interesting aspects of the angler fishes is the strange relationship that has evolved between the males and females of some species. For example, in the triple-wart seadevil (Cryptopsarus couesi) the male exists only as a parasite on the female and can be found attached to the ventral (bottom) surface in front of the anal fin and below the pectoral fin. The sole purpose of the male, in this species, is to fertilize the eggs of the female. This is an adaptation to the scantily productive aphotic zone. A male which is much reduced in size and parasitic on the female will need very little food and yet still perform the essential biological function. Some of the deep sea anglers have luminous organs and they average about six to eight inches in length.

Next week— More monsters.



Lanternfish (*Myctophum affine*)
5 in (15 cm)

Triplewart seadevil (*Cryptopsarus couesi*)

Deepsea giganturid (*Bathyleptus lisae*)
2 to 4 in (5 to 10 cm)

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Springtime in Brooklyn

By now the snow has melted (or at least, I hope so), and the warming winds are helping to push the water temperature toward a mark that is more agreeable to the striped bass. As you read this, some of you may have already caught your first bass of the young season (on bait, I'll bet), while others are still looking forward to their first encounter.

If you live in Brooklyn you will be near two of the best early fishing spots around; i.e., Plum Beach and Dead Horse Cove, which lie a short distance from one another and border Jamaica Bay. Even during the past few years when the spring runs of bass have been anything but spectacular, these two areas managed to produce some fish for their faithful anglers. It is at these two locations that small bait fish and an over-abundance of sand shrimp take up residence each spring, thus attracting one of their most feared predators—the striped bass. The closeness of these two areas, the types of bait that they attract, and the type of tackle required to fish them, make these locations somewhat similar. However, because the fishing methods differ, I'll cover each separately.

PLUM BEACH:

Plum Beach lies just east of the Knapp Street entrance or exit to the Belt Parkway, on the eastbound lane. You will notice a parking lot with a small Park House located in the middle of it (this will be on your right-hand side). Turn in here, and park to the left of the house. This lot is situated before the bridge, and once you find it, you will never miss it again.

After parking your car, walk (south) toward the water. You should now notice the Round House that lies at the entrance to Jamaica Bay. Once arriving at the water's edge, turn left and walk east until you see a group of pilings. Before going any further, Plum Beach is a low-water spot, so time your visits to coincide with the outgoing tide. I usually like to arrive about two hours after the tide turns and begins to run out. It is at this tidal stage that the pilings can be seen. Also visible at this time is Grassy Island, a small piece of land covered with eel grass. After passing the pilings, walk about another 100 feet, then turn to your right and enter the water. You should now be facing south toward Roxbury, which lies on the northern side of Breezy Point. The Marine Parkway Bridge should be to your left front. As you begin to work your way to the outer sand bar, Grassy Island will appear on your left, and the pilings to your right.

Since you will be fishing in relatively quiet waters, light tackle is the order of the day. Lines heavier than twelve pound test need not be used. Most regulars who fish here prefer to use eight to ten pound test monofilament line. A light rod, not more than seven or eight feet in length, fitted with a reel such as a Penn 710, Cardinal 7, or Crack 200 is ideal for this type of fishing.

As mentioned earlier, the waters are beginning to warm, so you should find that the still lethargic bass will respond to your plug offerings with a little more vitality. I like to use the five inch Rebel, or Red-Fin plus the one ounce Kastmaster with white bucktail, along with popping plugs of not more than one-and-one-half ounces. You will find that these plugs produce best in this area. Since it is springtime, work the plugs a little slower than you would in the fall.

As you begin to wade toward the sand bar, fan the area with your casts. That is, first cast to your left—at nine o'clock—then make another at ten o'clock, and others at eleven o'clock, etc., until finally you end up at three o'clock, which is to your right. Many times as the tide is dropping, the fish can be caught between the beach and the sand bar using this method. Also, keep in mind that these waters are relatively shallow and quiet, so keep the noise to a minimum. The fish will spook easier in such shallow surroundings.

The best times to fish the area are dawn and dusk, especially when either coincides with outgoing water. I have taken bass here around the last week in April, but the best time is about mid-May.

There are certain items of equipment that you must have to fish Plum Beach. A good set of waders, a foul weather top, fish stringer and gaff are very important. Also, a plug bag with an assortment of those plugs which I just mentioned. Most of the fish that will be caught are schoolies—that is, up to fifteen pounds. If you are going to release fish, you should consider using a leader so that you can grab the line and lift the fish so that it can be unhooked without too much injury to it. To try to do this without a leader will be to invite disaster, as your thin line may break and your expensive plug will travel seaward in the mouth of the fish. It can be an expensive price to pay for being a Good Samaritan.

DEAD HORSE COVE:

Dead Horse Cove lies just over the bridge from Plum Beach. That is the first bridge that you cross after passing Knapp Street while traveling eastbound on the Belt Parkway. There is a small rest area just over this bridge where you can park your car. At this point, you will notice a large cove which contains a marina. As you overlook this cove, you will notice Floyd Bennett Air Field directly behind it.

Located up this cove will be a large group of pilings. These pilings will be the first such group that you encounter while walking along the beach. Unlike Plum Beach, Dead Horse Cove is a high-water spot. I have had my best results during the last two hours of the incoming tide, and the first two hours of the outgoing water. As the tide is rising, fish to the far end of the pilings (left side). You will notice that your plug will carry slightly to the left, so cast to the right, being careful not to hit the pilings. Usually the bass will lie in wait right in this area when the tide is coming in. As the water begins to run out, fish the right side of the pilings, and follow the flow of the current as the tide continues to ebb toward the mouth of the cove which empties into the channel. This will be the same route that the bait takes as it is swept out of the cove.

One word of caution when fishing here. As mentioned before, this cove contains a marina and it also contains some very deep water. Wade only up to your waist, and no further and you will have no problems.

As far as equipment is concerned, the same items of tackle that you use in Plum Beach can be used here, with two slight exceptions. A white bucktail of no more than three-quarter ounces will sometimes work in the deeper water when all else fails. This is especially true when fishing around the pilings. Also, a leader is a must here. Use eighteen inches of at least twenty pound mono to help protect your thin line from those barnacle encrusted pilings.

Just as in Plum Beach, the majority of bass that will be caught are schoolies. However, that deep water does, in fact, contain some larger fish looking for an easy meal.

Another very important fact : while fishing any waters surrounding Jamaica Bay, you will encounter horse shoe crabs. You will sometimes feel them nudge the shoes of your waders as they crawl along the ocean floor. They mean you no harm and should be permitted to live. It infuriates me to see so-called sportsmen needlessly killing these creatures. If you can't stand to fish among them, stay away from their waters.

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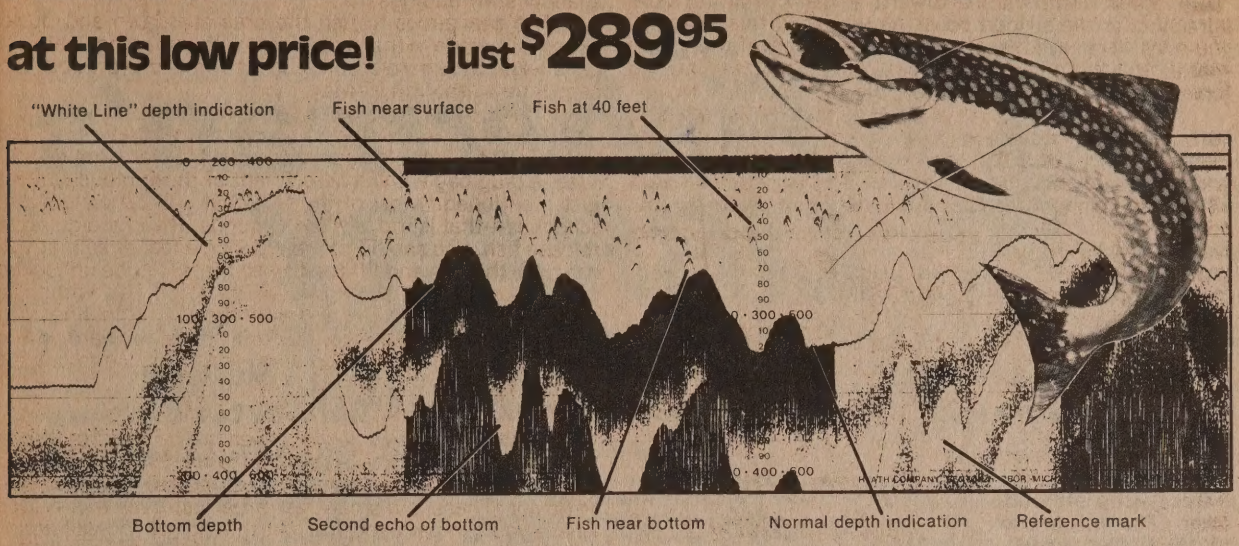

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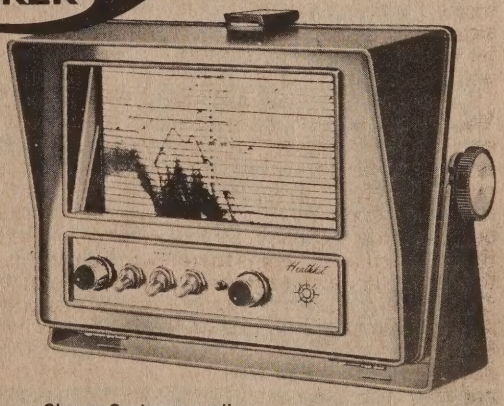

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Caring for Your Catch

It's only the first week in April and already I'm thinking of summer. I guess that's what you'd call rushing the season, all right. But it isn't only the congested roads and crowded waterways that weigh heavy on my mind. I'm thinking also of other assorted problems we fishermen must take in stride—like those that arise when, of necessity, we must take summer's heat into consideration. In this respect, I think winter is a better ally than summer. For surely, many annoying problems make themselves known as fishermen daily accept summer's challenge and battle old sol for possession of their catch. If they aren't battle-wise, the outcome is nearly always a foregone conclusion.

For instance, one evening last July a neighbor phoned and offered me one of the cod he'd caught that morning while fishing aboard a Montauk party boat. Immediate visions of succulent cod fillets filled my head and I quickly accepted the offer. But alas, those visions were doomed to a short life. Never have I seen a cod in such poor condition—and you can bet that I've seen my share of tired cod. Ever attempt to clean cod so soft your thumb broke through the skin and gouged out the flesh? That's what I was up against.

I gave it a whirl, anyway; but when I held up the first fillet and watched gravity peel the meat from the skin with no effort on my part, I knew for sure I would have no succulent fillets that night. Had I not known my neighbor better, I would have sworn he gave me that fish only because my house was closer than the town dump—which is where the fish was deposited minutes later.

This is an extreme example of what can and does happen when fish are carelessly left exposed to the summer elements. I'm sure most fishermen can also relate personal experiences with a poorly-handled catch. The amount of fish that go into garbage pails each year due to carelessness on the part of fishermen must be legion. But what adds insult to injury is that none of this need happen.

Unthinking fishermen make many mistakes when taking care of their catch, but one of the most common is to keep fish in a container of water throughout the fishing day. For the life of me, I don't know why so many fishermen insist upon doing this. It is the easiest way I know to turn a beautiful catch of fish into something totally unfit for human consumption.

Not only do those fish quickly die from lack of oxygen and lose their ambrosia-like flavor, but in a matter of minutes, the water in the container equals, and then surpasses the temperature of the surrounding air. Should the day be a real scorcher, there is no question the fish will arrive home partially cooked. (I'm sure this is what happened to my ill-fated cod.)

What can be done to keep freshly-caught fish in prime condition? There's really no great problem. If fish are kept away from direct sunlight and covered with a damp burlap bag, that's actually all that's necessary. Don't worry: no matter how hot the day, when this is done freshly-caught fish will be in good condition when the day's fishing is over.

If there's no shade available, place your fish inside the burlap bag and keep it wet. Evaporation will keep the fish cooler than the outside air. You will find experienced fishermen do this all the time. And you may be sure they don't return home with fish fit only for the swill pail.

This method works best when party boat fishing where sluicing and dripping water is no problem. Skiff fishing is a horse of another color. While the damp or wet burlap bag trick will work here, too, there is a better way. With a little extra effort on his part, the small boat fisherman can easily keep his fish alive throughout the hottest summer day. This is where he has the edge over his party boat brothers.

At one time I used to put up with wet burlap bags, too; but I solved this problem by constructing a live-fish box. This is hung overboard and each fish placed inside as it is caught. I made mine many years ago and wouldn't be without it—especially when fluke fishing. When the day's fishing is over, my captives are as frisky and lively as when first brought aboard.

Of course, if you are lucky enough to catch a hefty doormat, the dimensions of the box I'm about to give you will be too small to hold such a fish. Then you can revert to the burlap bag; but you wouldn't mind that little inconvenience—would you?

The box I constructed was made from 1X12 pine shelving. Its dimensions are 18x12x10". The bottom is open and covered by a piece of one-half inch hardware cloth, held in place by 1/2 x 3/4 pine strips. The hinged lid is eight inches in length and centered. This box is large enough to hold average-sized fluke.

The locking arrangement is a medium-sized brass hasp and you can use any kind of gadget you dream up to hold the lid closed. All fastening should be copper, brass, or aluminum. Don't use steel or iron in the box' construction; these will eventually rot away, quite possibly causing you to one day lose your entire catch. I can tell you a sad story about this.

You can make the box any convenient-to-handle size you wish. It is well worth the effort, for certainly your problems of keeping fish alive during hot weather are over. Incidentally, should you find dead fish, remove them immediately and use the burlap bag method. This will seldom happen and is most often caused by heavy-handed methods during hook removal—but remove them you must. Don't figure that summertime water is cool enough to prevent deterioration if you leave them in there. It isn't.

Paint the box some bright color—not green or white. These colors blend in with the surroundings, especially on a windy day. Fluorescent orange is about the best color to use. Should the box accidentally drift away, it is easily spotted. I can also tell you some sad stories about this.

When I first made this box, there wasn't much problem with the floating oil scum which is so prevalent in many fishing places today. To overcome this annoyance, I wired several eight-ounce sinkers (evenly spaced) on the inside of the hardware cloth. This lowered the box and brought the water level close to the top. I no longer concern myself about the possibility of my fish being contaminated.

Be sure to fasten the box securely to the skiff, preferably on the opposite side from which you are fishing. You don't want it in your way when netting a good-sized

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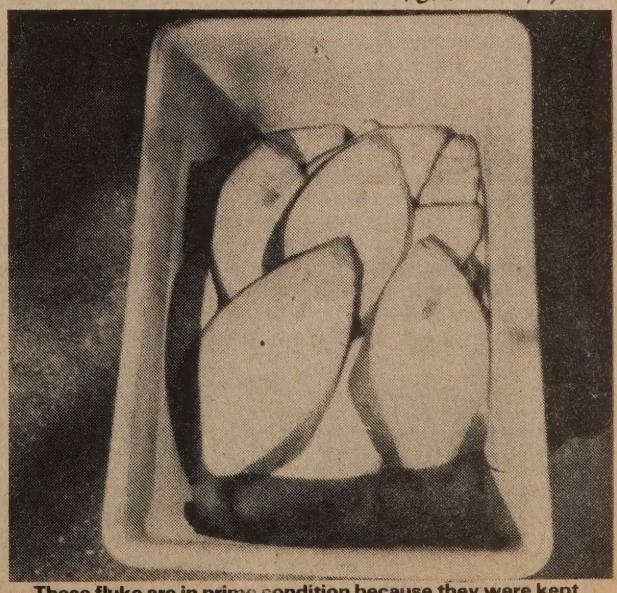


These fluke are in prime condition because they were kept alive all day in a fish-box as described.

INSHORE FISHING

with Scott J. Simons

★ HOOKING FISH ★

—Part One—

GETTING IT IN

This article is dedicated to my youngest brother, Eddie, and to the millions of other Eddie's in this world, and their purpose on this earth. What, you are probably wondering, is the purpose in life of an Eddie? Actually, an Eddie serves two purposes: the first is to brighten up the life of a fish, providing a little comic entertainment in their otherwise boring life. The second purpose of an Eddie is to drive other fishermen stark raving mad. If you are a fisherman, it is imperative that you avoid an Eddie at all costs: if you suspect a brother of being one, try to divert his attention to another sport where he can't do as much harm—quoits may be a good suggestion. If a friend is suspected, disown him...but, **whatever** you do, don't take an Eddie fishing with you!

An Eddie is easy to spot among a group of fishermen: he's always the one who only lands one fish for every seventeen that he has on his line. As horrible as this statistic may seem at first glance, it's actually much worse because an Eddie only "has on" one fish for every thirty-six bites that he gets. In other words, mathematically speaking, an Eddie only catches one fish for every five hundred and twelve that bite on his line. What drives **other** fishermen crazy is, despite this statistical evidence, an Eddie invariably believes it is only "fair" to split the catch at the end of the day. (It's interesting to note that Eddies usually excel in sports where a low score is desired—notably golf and Knock Rummy, but they have a decided disadvantage in draft lotteries.)

I'm sure that everyone has fished with an Eddie at least once in his lifetime, so you know what I'm talking about. An Eddies' problem is they don't know how to set the hook on a fish. The sad part of it all is that Eddieism is such a simple handicap to overcome! It's really quite easy to set the hook in a fish, and there isn't any "trick" or magic technique to it. The **when** to set a hook is another story, however, but we'll go into that in future articles. Right now we're only concerned with the actual setting of the hook. The first thing you have to do is to get in a good position for setting the hook. That's right—I said position. Just like most other sports, your body and equipment must be in a "ready" position to be effective. Just like the baseball batter, golfer, boxer, tennis pro, dart thrower, surgeon, etc.

First step is to center yourself on the fish biting on the line. Don't stand sideways to where the fish is so that you have to hit him from a sidesaddle position: keep the front of your body facing the fish at all times, even after the fish has been hooked and you are fighting him. Keep your rod tip pointing straight at the line and close to the water, so that you can get a good "swing" when you strike. This is very similar to a baseball player having his bat cocked. If you hold your rod tip high and the line makes a sharp angle off the tip, it will mean that you won't be able to get any force behind the rod when you strike. When the moment to strike comes, the point of the hook should be struck home with the full force of the rod in much the same manner that you would drive a nail into a piece of wood with a hammer. Three or four short, sharp jabs are much more effective than a long, sweeping stroke. The big disadvantage to the sweeping stroke is the slack line which is created when the rod tip is brought back into position to make another stroke.

The tackle and equipment you are using also plays a vital role in your ability to hook a high percentage of fish. First off, the importance of using a sharp hook **cannot be overstressed.** Hooks, even those just purchased, must be constantly sharpened and re-sharpened throughout a day of fishing. Use a sharpening stone or a jeweler's file to triangulate the point of the hook, which is the best shape for quick penetration. To test for sharpness, place the point of a hook lightly on top of one of your fingernails and move it. If it slides across the nail with ease, the hook isn't sharp. But if it scratches or grabs at the nail, rest assured that it is sharp and you're in business.

Don't be a cheapskate when it comes to purchasing hooks, either—the old saying "you get what you pay for" never was more applicable. Cheap hooks are poorly tempered and will bend out of shape, won't keep a point, etc., and the amount of fish you will **not** catch by using them just isn't worth the few pennies that you will save. It's also very important to use the right hook **pattern** for the species you are trying to catch. The design of a hook is very simple and hasn't changed in thousands of years, but there are still hundreds of variations to accommodate the different feeding habits and physical characteristics of different species. I learned this fact firsthand one day several years ago while porgy fishing. I ran out of the hooks I normally used for porgies because I was fishing over an extremely rough bottom, and as a result ended up substituting with flounder hooks. Now, I fully expected to drop an occasional fish now and then, but was really shocked when I couldn't get a fish in the boat. As fast as I got down I would hook up with a fish, only to drop him somewhere between the bottom and the surface. This happened over and over again, until I reached a point where I was almost convinced that I had caught that most dreaded of diseases—Eddieism. Eventually I realized that the narrow gap, offset point and long shank of the Chestertown hook pattern just wasn't designed to accommodate the physical characteristics of the porgy's mouth. The hook couldn't penetrate the hard mouth of the fish, combined with the sharp tugs of a porgy's fight, using the shank of the hook as a lever to pry the hook out, added up to no fish in the box.

Now that you know how to hook a fish, you will find yourself with another problem. How to get the hook **out** of the fish again, which we will cover next week.

The rod tip should be held low to the water so that you are in a good position to bring the rod upwards with force to strike the fish, as this angler has on a large striped bass.

Follow the Yellowbrick Road: FEMALE NEOPHYTE TO SHARPSHOOTER

by Ronnie DeLuca

Many people have asked me (being a woman) how I became so involved in fishing, which is primarily a man's sport. Well, I'll tell you, it wasn't easy!

I have always loved the outdoors and fresh air. Where else, in my opinion, could you get cleaner, fresher air than on the water? Drive to the beach some early morning and watch the sun come up. It is a magnificent sight.

My first try at fishing was quite an experience! I went to my local tackle shop and bought an inexpensive rod and reel. Off to the Captree Piers I went. Problem #1: Blowfish were in that year, and the pier was wall-to-wall, or should I say railing-to-railing with people! Problem #2: Contending with the "ol'-timers" who had their designated spots on the pier. Most did not have the patience for a "newcomer" who didn't know what she was doing. Fortunately, I found a very nice senior citizen who was willing to show me the ropes. After a week of grunts and groans each time I tangled someone's line, I decided I'd better go off by myself. I went to the beach by the piers, which worked out quite well for the first few times, until I got bit by a crab! Now it was down to the tackle shop for a pair of waders. I could now fish to my heart's content with no tangled lines and no crabs!

In the fall, my neighbor, Paul, decided to go surf casting. I begged him to take me as I had never done that before. I promised him I wouldn't bother him or even fish near him. He finally broke down and said okay. Off to the tackle shop again—this time for a surf rod and spinning reel. We arrived at Cedar Beach about 6 AM. Paul fished alongside the other men and off I went as I promised, all by myself. I cast out a blue-and-white popping plug (now I know you are not going to believe this one!), and as I retrieved it, I seemed to have a little difficulty reeling in. It felt a little heavy. When I got it in, there was a fish on the end. I ran down the beach to Paul and yelled "What kind of fish is this?" Paul stood there dumb-founded and said, "A striped bass." "Where was I fishing?" I pointed down the beach. He couldn't believe it. Well, he told me it was too small, so throw it back. I found out later it wasn't; it was over the sixteen inch minimum, but he had been fishing for a few months and never caught anything. I didn't even know what I was doing!

Needless to say, I went to the beach quite often after that morning with my German Shepherd for company, and never caught another fish.

Now it was time for a boat. I couldn't wait for the fish to come to me; I had to go to them. Watch out, everyone, here I come!

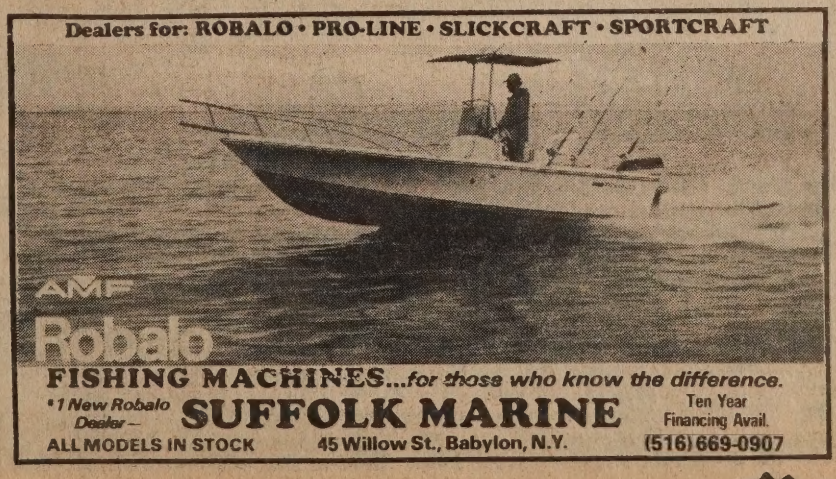
I rented a slip at a marina in Seaford. Mr. Kremer (who has since passed away) was very fussy and checked you out fully before renting you the slip. The only knowledge I had about boating was the course I took, and the salesman who sold me the boat gave me a trial ride the day I picked it up. Well, the first day I took the boat out, I got to the end of the canal which took me to the Four Corners in Seaford, took a deep breath of relief, and proceeded back. To my dismay, Mr. Kremer was in front of his trailer, which is at the very entrance of the marina. I figured that when he sees me smacking up the other boats in his marina as I tried to dock, I was going to be out as fast as I got there. I don't know how I did it (but I do know I held my breath), but I got into the slip without smacking into one boat. Since then, I learned why—**no wind!** After I docked the boat, I just about collapsed on the deck from fear. He yelled over what a good job I did, and would I like a beer. I never drank beer in my life, but I did that day.

For all you women readers, I suggest you do exactly as I did each day thereafter. The following day I took a girl friend with me and went a little further than the Four Corners. We dropped the anchor and fished for flounders (caught a few, too!). Third time out, I said to my girl friend Anita, "Should we try going through the bridge?" Off we went through the bridge (which looked a lot smaller than it was) and dropped the anchor in a clear area and fished. Each day we ventured a little further.

One fishing comment that I will never forget, occurred when we tried to anchor where there were a bunch of boats. The anchor didn't hold (always let out enough extra line or scope as boating people say) and we started to drift into another boat. The man yelled out, "Don't tell me we have to put up with women drivers out here, too!"

For you women who don't know where to begin, I have a suggestion. Go down to your local tackle shop; they will be happy to show you exactly what kind of equipment you will need.

Whether it is surf fishing or boat fishing, you will find many wonderful people who will take the time to show you little tricks here and there. Frank DeGaetano, the owner of Eastern Reel Service in Seaford, taught me how to catch my first boat striped bass (which I will go into in another issue of the Long Island Fisherman), and I can't even begin to count all the help and tips I received from other fishermen. Of course, you will still find (every once in awhile) a man who resents a woman invading his domain out there—but they are few and far between.

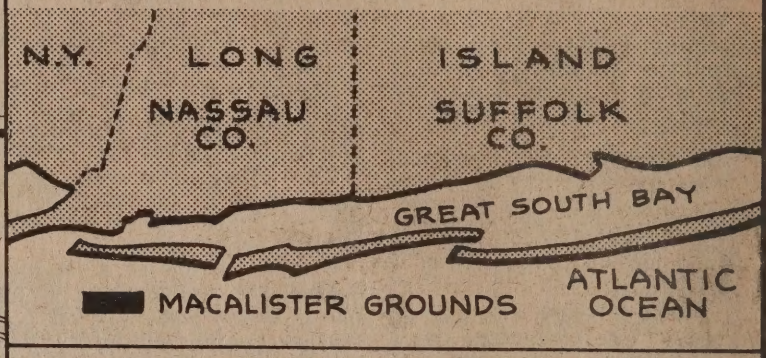


FISHING REPORTS

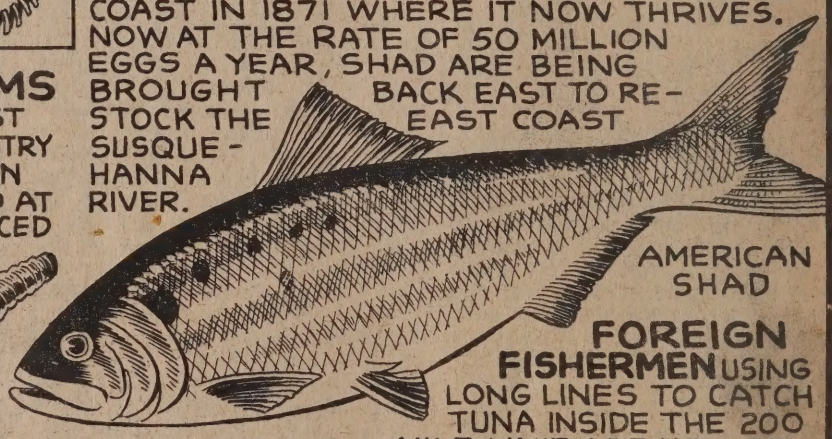
BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE U.S. COAST GUARD, LONG OPPOSED TO USING CITIZEN BAND RADIOS, WILL NOW MONITOR DISTRESS CALLS ON CB BECAUSE OF ITS WIDESPREAD USE. FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN RESCUING EACHOTHER FOR YEARS ON CB - NOW INSTALLED ON CARS & TRUCKS.

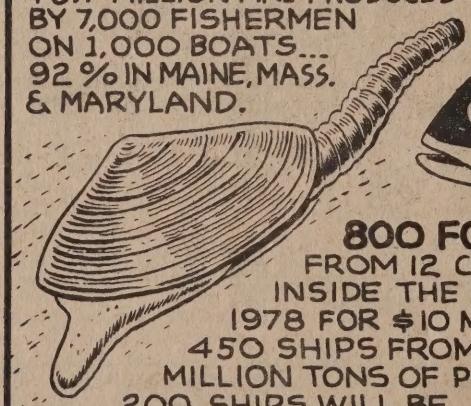
THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEF CREATED IN THE U.S. WAS THE "*MACALISTER GROUNDS*" IN 1950 OFF LONG BEACH, L.I., WRITES CAPT. AL LINDROTH OF THE FREEPORT OPEN BOAT "CAPT. AL" TO CORRECT THE MISINFORMATION USED IN THE "QUIZ" OF VOL. 13, NO. 3, JAN. 19, 1978 L.I. FISHERMAN.



THE AMERICAN SHAD, NATIVE TO THE EAST COAST, WAS INTRODUCED TO THE WEST COAST IN 1871 WHERE IT NOW THRIVES. NOW AT THE RATE OF 50 MILLION EGGS A YEAR, SHAD ARE BEING BROUGHT BACK EAST TO RESTOCK THE EAST COAST SUSQUEHANNA RIVER.



SOFT SHELL CLAMS ARE THE THIRD LARGEST COMMERCIAL CLAM INDUSTRY IN THE U.S... 9.2 MILLION POUNDS OF MEAT VALUED AT $8.7 MILLION ARE PRODUCED BY 7,000 FISHERMEN ON 1,000 BOATS... 92% IN MAINE, MASS. & MARYLAND.



FOREIGN FISHERMEN USING LONG LINES TO CATCH TUNA INSIDE THE 200 MILE LIMIT ARE NOW REQUIRED TO RELEASE - *BY CUTTING THE LEADER* - ALL MARLIN, SAILFISH AND SWORDFISH THEY CATCH AND REPORT SAME. THEY ARE ALLOWED A A LIMIT OF 1,150 TONS OF SHARKS.

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SUPER-DUPER FLOUNDER POUNDER

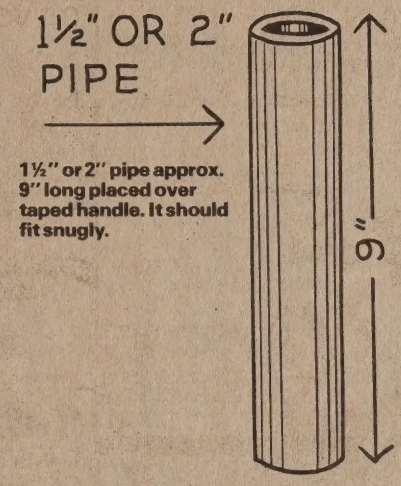
In this corner: *Larry Suskevich*

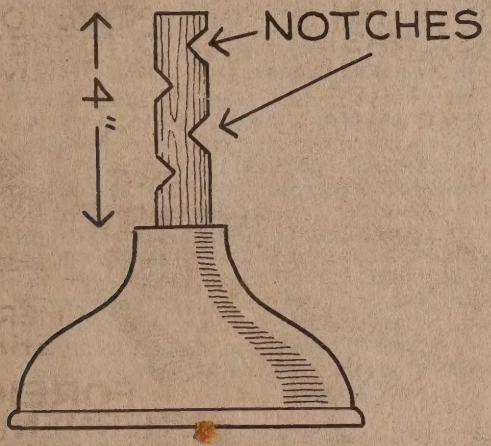
Now that the flounder season is almost upon us, I would like to share an essential tool that I have been using for the past four years.

Having a small, sixteen foot boat with space being at a premium, I have incorporated the use of the pole/plunger and sash weight into one unit. This nifty little pounder stirs up the bottom better than a sash weight and just as efficiently as the pole/plunger combination. Used in conjunction with a chum pot, this "super duper flounder pounder" can't be beat.

Basic Materials:

An ordinary household plunger and handle.
A piece of 1½" or 2" galvanized pipe, approx. 9" long.
Lead and heat source to melt (about 5 lbs.).
One 1/4" x 2½" bolt with two flat washers and nut.
Piece of chain to connect pounder to line.
Roll of 3/4" masking tape.





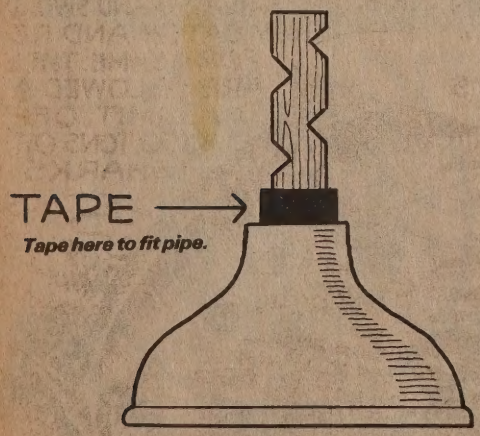
Cut handle at least 4" from the top of the cup and notch it with a saw or file in at least four different places. This notching will secure the handle and cup to the pipe when the lead is poured.

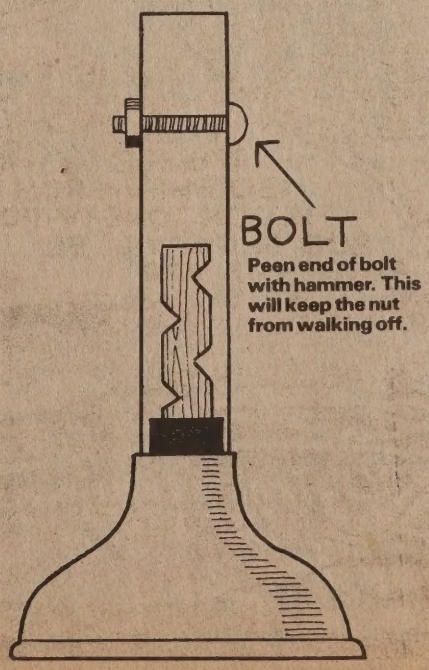
Melt lead in a well-ventilated area. I use a Coleman stove outdoors to keep my wife happy by not messing up her kitchen and stove.

Prop up pipe and cup as an assembly so that the cup is resting on the floor and the pipe is perpendicular. Pour molten lead in top and let harden.

A word of caution: If you're doing this in the kitchen be certain that the assembly is **100%** tip-proof. Cover your work area adequately. I used two clamps to sturdy the whole mess. Remember that you are adding about five pounds of molten lead.

Drill a 1/4" hole through the top and fasten chain with bolt and washers. Attach a line of suitable length.





Now tape the handle of the plunger so that there is a snug fit between the handle and pipe. This will keep the lead away from the rubber cup and keep it from seeping around the handle and onto the floor.

A Quarter Century with N.P.B.O.A.

by Captain George F. Glas

The initials "NPBOA" might not ring a bell with the general public, but within the fishing industry and among governmental agencies with which we must deal, these letters are well known. **National Party Boat Owner's Alliance, Inc.** has been functioning in the public interest as well as for the party boat industry ever since its inception in 1952.

The Alliance was born in the wake of several maritime disasters involving small passenger carrying vessels, a period when certain elements of the press found it expedient to constantly inflame public emotion. So instead of a rational approach to the need for additional regulations, a situation rapidly developed where politicians interested in capitalizing on the publicity, began introducing absurd legislation that could have wiped out virtually the entire industry.

Captain John Suydam of Lindenhurst, while recognizing the need for workable safety legislation, realized that a good organization was imperative in order to achieve regulations within which the industry could exist. This dedicated, knowledgeable man—together with the help of some equally dedicated skippers—welded together the NPBOA which helped in the promulgation of safety regulations under which the industry now functions. Names such as "Chicken John" Boshler, Tony Klaer, Connie Rank, Ira Gaynor, Howard Carroll, Sr., Bob Uhl, Frank Moss, "Candy" Keefe and Charlie Dodd will certainly jog memories. As President of the Montauk Boatmen's Association at the time, I threw the weight of that outfit behind NPBOA, shouldering vice presidential and directorship chores of the new Alliance as well; and together with Suydam, Boshler and others, went over to Connecticut to help yet another group of boatmen to organize an association.

While there was a great deal of initial activity along those lines, all did not go smoothly within the organization in the beginning. Captain Suydam, in his wisdom, advocated a quiet diplomatic approach to the problems. As might be expected, there were those who favored the big mouth, table-thumping method. John believed that you had to present **facts** to substantiate your point of view, not noise; being an "aginner" was not good enough—you had to show why certain proposals wouldn't work and offer practical solutions instead. The dissidents who howled that "the government can't do this to us," and broke off to do things their way, found to their sorrow that they had chosen the wrong course.

It was because Capt. Suydam urged a low-key approach and felt that a big publicity push was not the way to go that NPBOA never sought the limelight. John stayed at the helm of the Alliance through twenty-two years, activity pursuing the problems of the industry until the day he died in 1974. Perhaps it was the fact of having worked with him for all of those years that made it so difficult to find words adequate enough to express our feelings at that sad time. In the long run, however, the continuing activity of the NPBOA is truly the greatest tribute to his devotion to the cause of safety of life at sea and to all the ramifications of the party fishing business.

Why all the turmoil in the beginning? Well, government is prone to react in strange ways when prodded. The industry suddenly found itself caught in a vise between Coast Guard and Customs. The latter department, which was separate from CG at the time, had seizure orders out for $3,000,000 worth of vessels, based on nit-pickin' differences in how a boat reflected its admeasurement. For example, if a skipper had hauled his boat out for the winter and closed it in with plywood panels to protect it from the weather, Customs opined that the tonnage of the vessel had been changed and it was, therefore, subject to fines and seizure!

For safety's sake, Coast Guard had been advocating that life jackets be readily available on deck. However, as far as Customs was concerned, if a life jacket box were to secured to the deck or cabin top, that would change the tonnage of the vessel because it was an additional enclosed space. At one memorable meeting in Washington, while sitting around a conference table with all the big brass, I broached the subject, then sat back to watch the fur fly as an Admiral and the then Deputy Administrator of Customs went at it hammer-and-tongs. After all, whose regulation were we supposed to honor? You can appreciate how difficult it was to make big ship/deep-water men understand that you can't work the cockpit of a sport fishing boat with a forty-two inch railing all around it—unless those fishing that day were all members of a basketball team. And this is the way it went as the new rules were hammered out point by point.

In the meantime, the seizure order hung over the industry's head like the proverbial Sword of Damocles. We finally found a way out of that dilemma when the then Congressman, Stuyvesant Wainwright introduced an Interim Bill, which served to hold the seizure order in abeyance until the new safety laws could be implemented. What emerged from nearly five years of work was a new set of regulations: CG-323, the "Bible" by which small

passenger vessels now live. These boats are known as "T" boats in the trade; short for the official designation of "Subchapter T" for vessels under 100 Gross Tons and carrying over six passengers for hire. New licensing requirements for skippers had also been developed at that time which had to do with **all** operators carrying from one passenger on up.

In regard to safety equipment aboard party boats and charter boats, any boat carrying more than six passengers for hire has to be Certificated by the USCG. This certificate spells out the number of passengers that are allowed, how many fire extinguishers required, how many life rafts, how many life jackets, the route of the vessel, and the required complement of crew. The vessel must be operated by a licensed operator, and if the vessel is operated more than twelve hours out of any twenty-four hours, there has to be two crews. F.C.C. regulations require that these vessels have a VHF radiotelephone. In addition, if the vessel operates over twenty miles offshore, it must also have a Single Sideband radiotelephone. There are many more requirements for these vessels; too many to state at this time, but they are all geared to the safety and comfort of the passengers.

NPBOA went on from there to tackle major problems as they presented themselves. When the Federal Communications Commission made it mandatory for our boats to be radio-equipped and required operators to have a Third Class Radio-Telephone License, the Alliance arranged for group examinations for boatmen in different areas. But like any other bureaucracy, the FCC also had some requirements that were a time-consuming burden and which did not contribute one bit to the cause of safety. The regulation requiring that every single transmission be logged was just so much red tape paper work. We petitioned FCC to amend that requirement, and have been told by those in the electronics field that to have achieved a change from the FCC was nothing short of a miracle. Log keeping was cut down to what it is today: daily switch-on time, radio check, switch-off time, and any transmissions that have to do with safety or rescue.

Long before the general public started to jump on the 200 Mile Limit bandwagon, we were opting for more recognition of the role of the recreational fisheries, appearing before Senate sub-committees to urge funds for Sandy Hook and other government fishery labs. And raising a little hell with the Department of State in regard to the foreign fishing fleets goes all the way back to the 1950s when the marauders were so close as to interfere with party and charter boats.

That is just a little of the NPBOA's past history, but, as the saying goes, "What did you do for me today?" Presently, NPBOA is in the thick of trying to bring some common sense to the regulations that are coming along with the 200 Mile Limit Law. Many individuals and organizations worked like crazy to get rid of the foreign fishing fleets, but the way things are going right now it looks as though we may have played Dr. Frankenstein to a new bureaucratic monster.

Party and charter boat fishing are a world apart from dragging or seining. Unfortunately, the New England Marine Fishery Management Council, for one example, is lopsidedly peopled by those with commercial fishing knowledge and interests, but little understanding of our type of fishing. When they tried to put an unrealistic bag limit on cod last fall, we went right to Washington to knock that one out. But it is a continuing thing, so here we go again fighting for a fair share of the 1978 fish quota for our customers. Cod, haddock and yellowtail flounders led off the parade, to be followed by mackerel and squid this year. Gradually, each species of fish will find itself on the agenda. It's beginning to look as though we will be facing a never-ending battle; and instead of being able to work out a modus vivendi with the commercial men as we had started to do when we were all pulling for the 200 Mile Limit, government is setting things back—to where there will be constant contention with commercial interests.

On the New York scene, we studied and commented (unfavorably) upon an all-embracing proposed fishing law which we believe would have had an adverse effect on not

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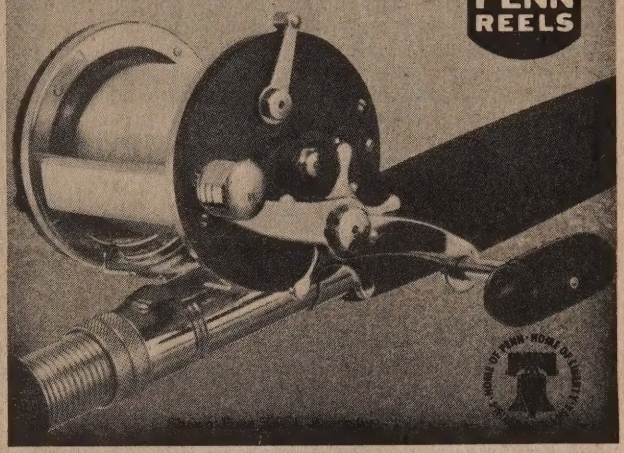

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QUINCY BAY

by Ron Onorato

I never thought that I would find myself traveling over 400 miles to catch some flounders, but every spring, an annual pilgrimage is made to that Mecca of the flounder fisherman—Quincy Bay, Massachusetts. In the late sixties and early seventies, flounder fishing was exceptionally good around Long Island. Moriches Bay was literally paved with the flatties and they were pretty big, too. For those really big flounders, both Gardiner's Bay and Montauk Point were loaded. It was no trouble to set out back then and take an almost endless number of fish. At Montauk, small school cod were an added bonus to the big flounders. Long Island flounder fishing back then is comparable to Quincy Bay today.

As we approached the mid-1970s, the flounder population showed a gradual decline from each previous year; it was nothing dramatic, but a significant decline. As we go into yet another season, the flounder fishing can be rated at best, as only fair. For whatever reasons, the flounder population appears to be approaching a low point in its natural cycle. This does not mean that there wasn't or won't be good fishing, but rather curtailed catches on an average basis. The sharpies will always get their forty or fifty flounders; whereas a few short years ago, everyone could get that amount and the sharpies could get over a hundred fish a trip. Declining catches—both locally and out East—caused many local flounder fans to look to new territories for improved catches.

Whoever first discovered the wonders of Quincy Bay deserves the thanks of many Long Island flounder buffs. I suspect that it was some bored striper fisherman who dunked a few worms and surprised himself with some really big flounders. Today, more Long Island fishermen fish for flounders up in Quincy than they do back home. In fact, a check of any of the boat liveries' parking lots will show mostly Long Island and New Jersey plates, with a sprinkling of Connecticut residents. I honestly believe that the local residents don't fish for flounders at all; they are probably spoiled by all that good bass fishing up there.

In the following pages, a brief summary on Quincy Bay—where-to and how-to—will be given. We'll get down to the basics of how to fish up there, and as you will see, it is just about the same as down here. A flounder is a flounder, whether he be from Long Island or Maine, and his habits are pretty much the same.

First on the agenda is a brief rundown on some of the facilities available to the traveling fishermen. There are three or four boat livery stations which have boat and motor rentals along with other essentials you would need for fishing up there such as baits, hooks, etc. The most popular gathering spot for the Long Island clan is Hurley's Boat Rentals, 136 Bayview Ave., Quincy, Mass. 02169. His establishment has close to 100 rowboats and skiffs and half that many motors available for rental. Right next door is Harvey's Wharf, also on Bayview Ave., which has a lesser number of skiffs than its competitor. For further information with regard to either of these places, your best bet is to give them a call. To obtain their phone numbers, call the Massachusetts information number, which is (617) 555-1212. Both of these places are listed.

Getting prepared for a trip up north is properly done well in advance. First you'll need reservations for a boat and motor—regardless of which place you go. Believe it or not, you'll have to make reservations as far as five or six months in advance if you want a weekend slot, and three or four weeks in advance for a weekday position. The crowds are so large that you'll be hard-pressed to get a boat without reservations even during the week. Hurley's Station has a boat ramp that can be used for launching small boats, but is really in pitiful shape and should not be considered for use with boats over twenty feet in length.

Ray Bennett shows how it's done with two flounders at a time.

The trip up to Quincy isn't really that tough if you do it the right way. Most of us can sneak away for only a day, so there are a couple of things you can do. If you're with a club, you can charter a bus to get you up there, allowing you to sleep both going and coming. With a small group of three or four people, it usually pays to drive up the night before, right after work and grab a motel for the night. You'll be refreshed for the day's fishing, as well as the long drive back. It's about 325 miles from New York to Quincy, and no matter how fast you drive, it's going to take about five or six hours to get there. Even if you alternate drivers, you'll be weary by the time you get there, and by the time you drive back, you'll be totally exhausted.

What should you bring with you? I supposed as little as possible, as there is but so much space in a car or bus. The boat places have motors, gas and boat cushions, as well as fresh and frozen bait. Basically, the only thing you'll need is a light flounder outfit; a little heavier outfit if you plan on going for cod, a handful of hooks and sinkers, a chum pot and some chum, and something to bring the fish home in. A good set of foul weather gear and a pair of boots should just about round out all that you'll need.

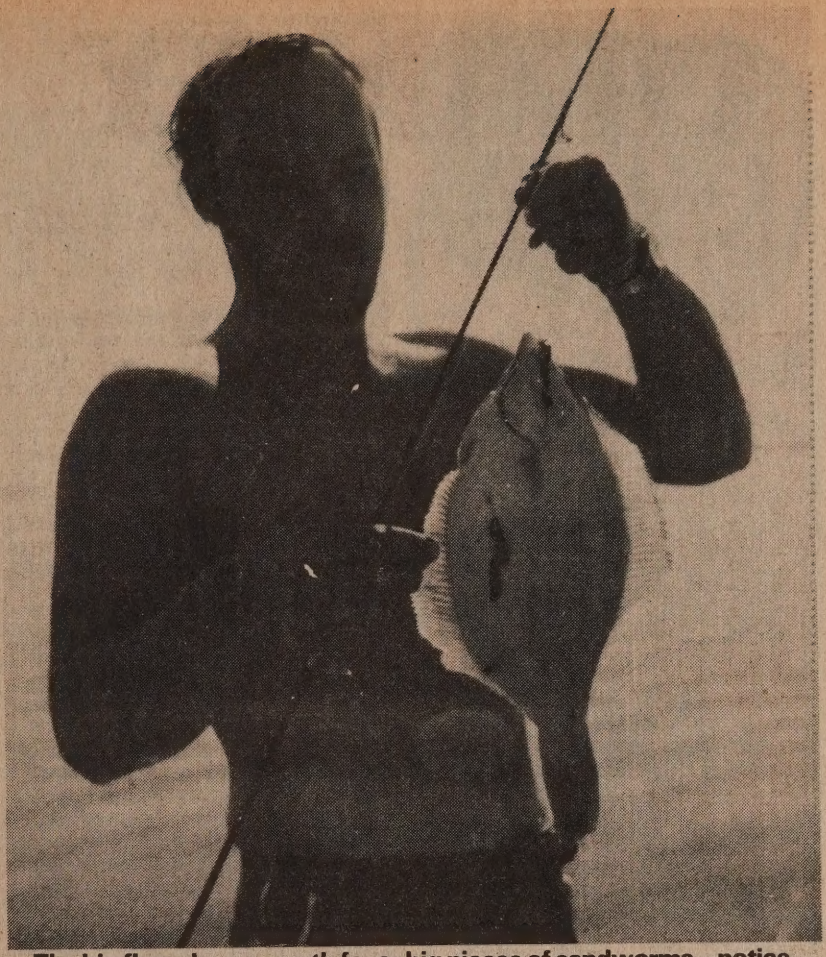
Quincy is one of those places where the flounders can be caught year-round. The spring and fall months are a little better in general, both in quantity and quality of the fish. Mid-April usually gets the flounder season rolling up there and peaks out sometime in early May. The last week of April or the first of May is a good all-around bet, even if there is a late run. Those flounders run big—averaging around a pound or so, with more than enough two pounders to go around. Three, and occasionally four pound fish sneak through the small ones often enough to liven up the catch. It is not just the size of the flounders that make this area so relished, but also the quantity of fish. The numbers of flounders available in Quincy Bay is almost unlimited—or so

it would seem. Using no chum pot, and fishing in the wrong area, using the wrong technique, will result in what, by Long Island standards, is a fairly good catch. Use the right methods in the right spot, and you'll be able to pull 150-200 flounders for the boat. The big added bonus up here is the run of small cod that develops in late March and early April. Some Long Island fishermen make the run up there just to grab some of those tiny cod. The cod are small—only between three and five pounds usually—but there are lots of them, and you don't have to leave the Bay for them. A little more on this matter later on.

Where does one go for those big flounders up there? Well, there are many spots that hold fish at varying stages of the season. Hurley's supplies its customers with a small map of the area and pinpoints the areas where the fish have been hitting lately. Although fishing in a fleet is not the way most of us like to do things, up here it doesn't make that much difference. For the first trip, it will usually pay to stay with the fleet which will gather at each different spot, until you find some of your own areas, and I assure you, there are spots which have flounders that no one has even fished yet. Here are a few favorites of mine. In the early stages of the run, Peddock Island is a big producer. As you leave the boat station and face the bay, look directly to the left and you'll see a big chunk of land—this is Peddock Island. The best area to fish is just to the right of can #5, in about 15 feet of water. From there you can see a clump of rocks sticking out in the water about a mile away: this they call Hangman Island. Fish in water that is around ten feet deep, on either side of the Island. From there looking straight ahead, or north, you'll see a large bridge about a half-mile away. This area, although a bit of a run from the station, may well be the best area to try. Avoid the deep channels of the bridge, but rather seek the shallower end of either side of the bridge.

If you want some cod, you'll have to look in the deeper channels for consistant catching; although an occasional cod will mix with the flounders. There are numerous deep channels throughout the bay that all produce cod, and are all clearly marked with buoys. Perhaps the best spot is found right out in front of the boat station, about three-quarter miles out, and marked by buoys #8 and #10.

About the only thing left now is the actual fishing and terminal rigging itself. Much has been written about flounder fishing, so we'll skip most of it and just mention a few things. Most important is the need to chum—no matter how you do it, but chum. Most effective, of course, is the chum pot with crushed mussels, or frozen cat food in cans. In many spots, the current is very light and sometimes you can get by with cracking a few mussels and depositing them ahead of the anchored boat. Some good advice is to bring a bucket of fresh mussels up there with you if you can find the room—it certainly makes a difference.



The big flounders up north favor big pieces of sandworms—notice the size of the worm on the hook.

Bait up there is no problem, as the Quincy boat stations have some of the finest sand worms in the area, and they are sold at a reasonable price. No need to go for mussels as bait—the flounders up there love the sand worms. If you plan on making a foray for the cod, they also sell frozen skimmer clams for bait, but it would pay you to bring a few fresh skimmers of your own. The funny thing up there with the cod, is that they, too, like the sand worms, and more are probably caught with the squirmers than with the clams.

You can use the regular two-hook rig for the cod, but make sure you keep both hooks close to the bottom. Rig the lower hook just an inch or so off the bottom, and add the second hook about fifteen inches above that one. The cod apparently feed closer to the bottom up there than they do on the Island. Also remember to keep the hooks on the small size, the fish are small, so 1/0 or 2/0 Eagle Claws or O'Shaugnessey should fill the bill.

For awhile, the flounders up in Quincy showed a larger than normal percentage of fin rot around much of their bodies, and this I suppose was due to the amounts of raw sewage that emptied into the bay on a daily basis. The fin rot was especially severe in 1974 and 1975, so much so that one out of five fish had to be returned to the water. The City of Boston then revamped its sewage system, so that raw sewage no longer goes into the bay; 1976 and 1977 flounders up there were remarkably clean, with perhaps only one or two fish suffering from fin rot.

Hopefully you'll have had a successful trip and as you return to the boat station, the thought of having to clean about a hundred flounders crosses your mind. Fortunately, the good people of Quincy have taken care of this problem for you. For a small charge—like ten cents a fish—the dock boys will fillet and skin your fish. These boys do a remarkably good job, and they do it quickly. I timed one of the boys once and found that he could fillet and skin three good-sized flounders in one minute. Some of these boys should learn to be surgeons. The fillets are washed and put into plastic bags for a small charge. Put the bags on top of some ice cubes and you're ready for the long ride back home.

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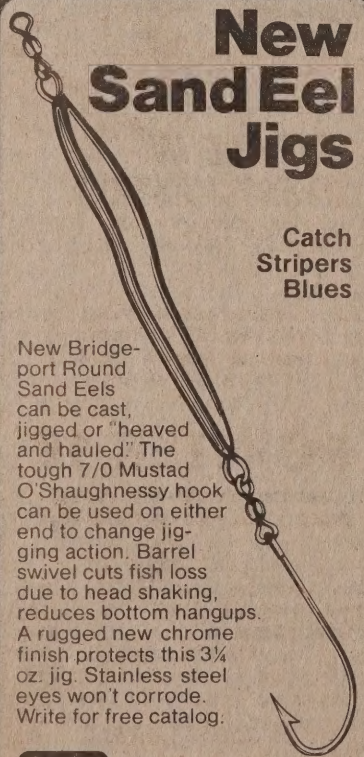

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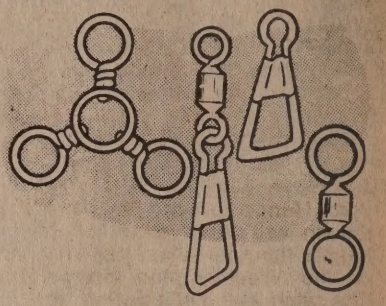
only every saltwater angler in New York, but would also hurt fishermen from neighboring states fishing on contiguous waters. From the replies the Alliance has been receiving thus far from some of the multi-sponsors of the bill, we anticipate that this monstrosity will "go back to the drawing board."

Of course, problems will continue to arise and we will address them. However, there is one vexing problem that neither NPBOA, the industry as a whole, and the Coast Guard together can ever completely solve without the coperation of the fishing public. It has to do with the unfair competition faced by legitimate charter boat operators from moonlighters. And because it takes two to tango, it also has to do with the bargain hunters amongst fishermen.

Let us look for a moment at the Coast Guard definition of what constitutes a passenger for hire: "The carriage of any person or persons for a valuable consideration, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, agent, or any other person interested in the vessel." There are private boat owners, whose vessels might be in any state of repair (or dis-repair), who can only support their fishing habit if they get someone to foot their gasoline bills, etc. Some of these people are so contemptuous of the law that they thumb their noses at licensing requirements. Others, realizing that they'd be facing a Federal rap if they ever got caught, have made the effort to get a license that would permit them to carry up to six passengers.

On the one hand, the latter situation can be considered to be a bit of an improvement; on the other hand, such operators are still moonlighters who hold down a full-time job and only play at being a captain on weekends. This type of operator cannot give a customer a fair shake, in spite of cut rate prices. The skipper who operates his boat professionally, the one who derives the bulk of his income from carrying fishing passengers for hire, is out there day in and day out, knows what the fish have been biting on, and if the fish have moved from one place to another. A license to carry passengers for hire means only that—it **doesn't** guarantee that the holder of same knows the first thing about catching fish. And above all, he has the experience to provide the extra safety factor upon which a customer should rightfully be able to depend.

Although we're coming up on National Party Boat's twenty-sixth anniversary, members of the Alliance from Marine to Florida still agree that safety and integrity are the words to live by in providing quality boats and service for the fishing public. To continue provicing needed help to boatmen themselves in surmounting the many governmental hurdles in this increasingly complicated industry, the traditions of the Alliance are carried on by such dedicated men as: Capt. Jack Curry, Pres. (Oceanside, N.Y.); Capt. Paul Forsberg, Eastern L.I. Area Rep. (Montauk); Capt. Jerry Hill, New England Area Rep. (Gloucester, Mass.); Capt. Dick Murphy, Sec'y/Treas. (Connecticut), and our area representatives in the southern tier of states.



SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Capt. Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** reported that the codfishing off Block Island slowed up during the week probably due to the heavy winds and rough seas. During the week, the Captain tried both the Block Island grounds and Cartwright Grounds and averaged about 250 cod daily, along with a couple of blackfish up to 7 lbs. Best fishing was on Friday, when three men took 52 codfish between them using diamond jigs and tube lures. Saturday's fishing was fair and Sunday's action was slow due to the gale force winds.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** also reported that the fishing was poor in Sunday's high winds and that the Block Island fishing slowed down a little on Thursday. But fishing was fantastic on Saturday, with the **Viking Starship** fishing at Cox's Ledge and the **Viking Star** trying the Cartwright Grounds. Both areas proved very productive. George Schumann of New Jersey was high hook for the day with 16 cod and John Alberda of Seaford copped the pool of $570 with a 44 lb. cow.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** called to confirm that the codfishing has been very good off Block Island and south of the point at Cartwright Grounds. The boat is now in the water and sailing daily at 6 AM weekdays and earlier on Satuday and Sunday.

Capt. Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** told us that Capt. Hickey had the Jackson Heights' Anglers aboard on Saturday and had "fair" fishing of five to six cod a man in the area south

John Henderson and Val Henderson with their catch of 41 keeper flounder taken just east of the Westhampton Bridge. The catch was made during the outgoing tide using blood and sand worms and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Marina.

of Block Island. Dick said that while he has plenty of open weekday dates for the great cod and pollock action Montauk is having and is expecting to have, the first open weekend date isn't until Memorial Day weekend.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to say that he's back from Florida and is presently putting the finishing touches on the boat for the season, putting her in tiptop shape for a season of dynamite Montauk fishing. He is presently accepting charters for the season. See Ad for details.

Gone Fishing Marina reports that Dr. Robert Clyne of New Jersey and 3 pals had 35 big flounder from 1 to 3¾ lbs., right in Lake Montauk, just off the dragger fleet. Mussel and clam on the hook and mussel chum on incoming works best. Joe Joyce, Ed Struldand and Jay Hartman of Huntington Station launched an 18 foot boat at the Marina and following a charter boat out to Cartwright (following in their wake) to use the flatter water, took 74 cod on clam. Six of these fish were in the high thirties.

EAST HAMPTON

Bill at **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station** says that the flounders are good sized and there is lots of action in the harbor, as evidenced by Carney Durson of New York City who, on Friday, with his group in two skiffs pulled 70 big keep flounder from 1½ to 2¼ lbs., using mussels on the hook and for chum, with the ebb working best. Bill says that Saturday boats averaged 15 to 20 fish each due to the blow, but that catches should really increase with the warming up of the water.

HAMPTON BAYS

Corr's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing in Shinnecock Bay showed strong signs of life this week. Best was off Heady Creek and old Fort Pond with the ebb best. High boat for the week was 35 good keepers. Mussel chumming is a must with blood or sand worms on the hook. Look for even better fishing as the bay warms up.

Tony's Fishing Station reports that Tony Gruffrida and Ricky Dogali of Cliffside Park, New Jersey had 92 keeper flounder fishing Saturday at buoy 7 in the Quogue canal, using bloods and clam on the hook and mussel chum. On Thursday, Steve Leonti of Valley Stream and Sal Pedagno of Freeport took 125 flounders and 51 tommycod fishing buoy 7A at the Quogue canal. Fish were picked on all tides. Tony says they are now at the buoy 17 area. Fish ran from 1 to 1½ lbs. and he has already weighed in a 2 lb. 2 oz. flounder.

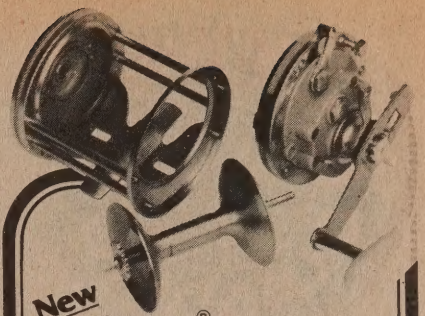
MORICHES BAY

Jim DeVito of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** tells us that all of the Moriches Bay fishing stations are now open and in full swing. These stations are Skidmore's, L&M Marina, Tadsen's, Silly Lilly, HiWay, Seatuck Cove, Shoreline and Cerullo Bros.

Ramona Seifert of the **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** said that while the water is still pretty cold, the flounders are still coming out of the mud and the boats are averaging about 50 nice fish a day. Incoming water has been best while chumming with mussels. On Saturday, two of the rental boats fished down by the first bridge and took 50 flounder for two men, and the three guys in another boat took 70 flounder. No boats were allowed to sail Sunday due to the gale warnings.

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** tells us that Jim Green of North Patchogue on Friday had 41 keepers and 36 throwbacks fishing

Benny, Carmine, and Nick with their catch of 24 flounders taken on bloodworms and mussel chum on the flats between buoys 21 and 19. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station, Inc.



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with bloodworms and mussels and mussel chum on the flood just east of the first bridge. On Saturday, Ed Henderson of Eastport, his brother Bob, bagged 17 flatties and 10 tommycod (tommycod averaging 1½ lbs.) on bloodworms, clam belly chum, all on the flood.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports very good flounder action at the bridge from 1 to 2¼ lbs. Saturday saw the area 100 yards east of Smith Point Bridge a hotspot and on Sunday, best was at buoy 17. On Sunday the largest fish ran 2½ lbs. Average catch was 15 to 25 good sized fish with high hook being 60 flounder for one skillful angler. Worm, clam and mussel baits did the job with chumming a great help. Mussels worked best on the hook, all tides. Gary says late morning and early afternoon fishing was the most productive.

SAYVILLE

Vinnie at **Young's Fishing Station** says good catches of flounder are being made just about a mile off the Browns River. One skiff brought back 25 flatties, the fish are feeding on worms and mussels and chumming naturally helps. Also, the tongers are getting a lot of flounders.

South Bay Fishing Station reports that Tom Maranga of Brooklyn had an even 100 flounders fishing buoys 6 and 7 on the Heckscher Flats. Tony Cataldo of Holtsville, along with his wife and son, had well over 50 fish at which point he stopped counting. The same area, buoys 6 and 7 unleashed 134 keepers for Brooklyn angler, Leo Kravitz and his two buddies. Bloodworms and mussels on the hook and chumming with mussels is a necessity. To sum it up, good solid fishing.

BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reports very good flounder fishing just west of buoy 4, Heckscher. Mussels on the hook are best with strong mussel chumming, all tides working. Ken Coughlin of Bay Shore had 25 flounder up to 1½ lbs. on Saturday, while Carl and Betty Kenyon of Brentwood fished the Heckscher Flats for 20 fish up to 2 lbs. 2 oz. Carl weighed in a 2 lb. 9 oz. flounder, caught aboard the Bay Shore open boat Casey Lee. Flounders are also being taken near West Island in the deep spots, mussels on the hook and in the chum pot. Carl says he has no shortage of mussels at all.

Capt. Neil of the **Casey Lee** reports great flounder action on all weekdays and good fishing on the weekend. Best is between Bay Shore and Heckscher on any moving tide for fish 3/4 to 2 lbs. Baits are worm, clam and mussel. Catches average 10 to 30 per man, weekdays and 5 to 15 per man Saturday and Sunday. Neil says to

Mike Fedrow (on the left) was the pool winner on the maiden voyage of the "Casey Lee". His catch totaled 22 flounders weighing up to 2 lbs. 2 oz. On the right is the runner-up Bob Specht with 15 flounders up to 2 lbs.

come down and fish if you can Monday through Friday when the crowds are thinner. Frank Coughlin and son of Lindenhurst took Saturday's pool with a 2 lb. 9 oz. flounder along with 30 other fish.

CAPTREE

The Capt. Ben Litwin called to tell us that for the second week in a row, Bill Sosnicki scored big on flounder with 37 big flatties going into his bucket on Sunday. This was on clam baits on the Heckscher Flats. Ben tells us fishing was strong all week long, with plenty of big fish. He calls it the best flounder fishing in years.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph** tells us Monday through Friday was best with the weekend being a little leaner due to the heavier crowds. The weekdays saw an averag of 20 fish per man and the weekend 10 to 12 per man. Some anglers had up wards of 30 fish. Sunday was the best day. The weekend saw a total of over 1100 flounder caught on the Capt. Joseph. Best was the deep water near Heckscher's buoy 4 and also off Sayville's oyster lots. Clam baits and a stirred up bottom did the trick. All of the boats did well.

Capt. Walter of the **Lady Ann** reports super flounder action with close to 1,000 flounders taken by his charters on the weekend. High hooks each day were close to 30 fish of mixed sizes from 3/4 to 2 plus pounds. Best is between Bay Shore and Heckscher, worm, mussels and clam doing the job.

The Jib Fleet reports good flounder fishing all week long, accompanied by a shot of good weather all week long. Many anglers came out and so did the fish. Despite Sunday's wind, the **Jib VI** took a good 600 big flounders with just a couple of throwbacks. The areas

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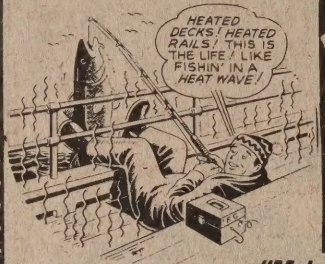

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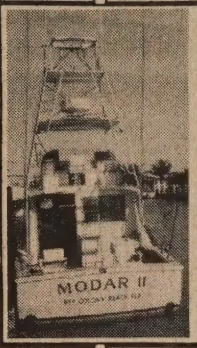

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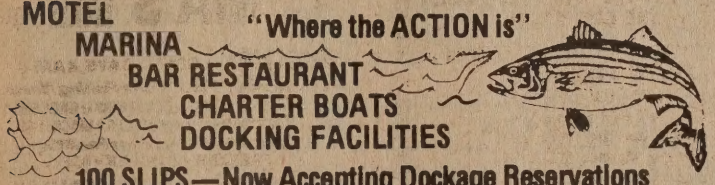
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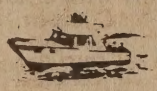
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Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Captain Whitaker** said that fishing was pretty darn good in all the areas from the Bay Shore Flats to Patchogue. It's been a steady pick all day with a lot of big fish being taken. On Saturday, at least 10 flounder over 2 lbs. were taken. Sunday's action was surprisingly good despite the high winds, with catching ranging from 7 to 20 per man. The Captain noted that both clams and worms were working very well as bait.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** called to say that the good fishing continues off the Heckscher Flats around buoys 2, 3, and 4. Best action was on Friday and Saturday with anglers averaging 15 to 20 flounder a man. Sunday's fishing was very good despite the wind, with average catches of 12 to 15 fish a man. Gordon noted that the fish are really big, with many fish in the 2 lb. class being taken daily and the pool fish ranging from 2¼ to 2¾ lbs. Bloodworms are working good, but fresh skimmer clams seem to have an edge. The flounder are hitting good on any running tide, but the action dies a little around slack water.

BABYLON

Craig at **HiHook Fishing Station** tells us that Don Goldstone and Tom Dowling had 40 flounders Saturday fishing just west of the bridge with worm and mussel and mussel chum. Jack and Barbara Barylski of West Islip took 55 fish near buoy 2 at Dickerson's Channel. Clams and worms on the hook. Denny, Tim and Bob took 27 flatties off the Babylon pool on worms.

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports plenty of flounders just asking to be caught. Ski tells us that the Babylon boat Sea Ranger had 15 fares take 88 fish Saturday, with many over two pounds fishing Heckscher with worms and clams. Ed Harrison and Danny Ortiz of Babylon took a whole bushel from 1½ to 1¼ lb. fish off the east of the bridge on the clam flats in six feet of water on clams and worms. Lots of fish around, anglers taking from 15 to 40 per man. Ski says it's really red hot.

Capt. John Bilitsky of the charter boat **Sea Ranger** tells us that on Saturday Kevin Yachnik and party of 15 fellow students from BOCES, Dix Hills night school had over 80 flounder at the Heckscher Flats with one weighing in at one ounce less than 3 lbs. All fish were big and chubby. The catch was 2 to 17 fish per man on worms and clam.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports excellent flounder fishing at the State Channel close to the Babylon Cut John said this is a super hotspot righ now. Frank Said fishing on his boa "I Said" had 48 on Saturday from 3/4 to 1¾ lbs. More fish were big than were small. The Lindenhurst oper boats are having good catches in the same area. All this is on worms mussels and clam and mussel chum both tides. The Copiague Hole is producing fish also.

The Sea Horse reports very good flounder activity for all of his passengers during the week and weekend, with all fares taking home big bags of fillet. Tommy says mussels and worms and clam baits are doing the trick when you stir the bottom up.

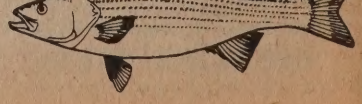
COPIAGUE

Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** has informed us that he is the father of a brand new set of twins, so good luck to Larry, wife and the kids. Larry also says the flounder catches have been very good in his area on worms and mussel chum, with Paul Mischer of Amityville taking 61 fish up to 2¼ lbs. on the Heckscher Flats on Saturday. Martin and Vivienne Jacobs of East Massapequa caught 90 flounder up to 2 lbs., fishing the Massapequa shore line on Saturday. All tides are working and the Amityville Cut and Copiague beaches are also producing.

Jonas Bait and Tackle tells us of much improvement in the flounder fishing this week and weekend, and that this is probably the best that we have had here in many years. Jonas said that two men in a skiff can catch anywhere from 40 to 130 fish if they use their heads (and some bait). Fish are mostly 3/4 to 2 lbs. Dennis Fairbrother and George Mills fished the Sloop Channel off West Island Saturday for 132 good sized flatties. Other catches by customers of 45, 75 80 fish, etc., were not uncommon taken on both tides. Copiague and Amityville beaches are also producing for casters.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports that West Island has been hottest this past week, followed by Fort Neck Point, fish up to 1½ lbs., or mussels, clam and worm and mussel chum. George said mussels seem to be hard to come by, so if you can locate them in your favorite bait and tackle shop, you're in good shape. The Amityville Cut at the State Channel is producing on all tides with clam and mussel on the hook. Sand worms are bigger and cheaper than bloods and catch just as well, says George, so he recommends them over bloodworms.



SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station tells of terrific flounder fishing all week long, including the weekend, with Four Corners and areas close to the shoreline, Massapequa Cove and Fort Neck Point very productive. Three anglers in one of his boats during the week brought back over 100 flounder, all from 3/4 to 1¼ lbs., on clam, worm and mussel. Some of the fish still had mud on them. They are close in and no long traveling is required.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports flounder fishing has been excellent this past week and weekend. Paul Zuet (inventor of the suit), Bruce Anderson and Dan Byrnes of Massapequa brought in 40 fish on Friday from 3/4 to 1 lb., which they took at West Island on the flood with worms and mussel chum. Overall, catches are excellent says Lonnie. 50 fish is no big deal if you fish hard. Incoming seems to be the best. Other local spots producing are Four Corners, Massapequa Cove and Florence beach.

BELLMORE

Merrick Marine Supply tells us that Bill "Seaweed" Keil of Massapequa and son Jim, fished Broad Creek on Thursday to the tune of 112 flounders from 1 to 20 lbs., taken on mussels, bloods and mussel chum.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports great flounder fishing all week and weekend long with his skiffs and the private boats generally catching fro 30 to 50 flounder per boat. Regular Sal DiGiovanni was out three times during the week, fishing Merrick Point, the S-turn and scored heavily each time. The beginning of Neds Creek, which is the S-turn, and Broad Creek are also producing. Jimmy advises that you don't bounce around, but work one spot, chumming heavily and this will get you the best results. Two customers from Port Washington in one skiff returned with 95 keeper flounder, chummed with corn and mussels with worm, clam and mussel on the hook. Action was on all tides.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports very good flounder fishing and catches brought back by his skiffs fishing Middle Bay, Cinder and Scow Creeks on all tides with bloods and mussels, fish to 1½ lbs. For those of you interested in a classic fishing boat, Andy is selling his 1964 22' Chris open center console, wood, Ross Recorder with new inboard power. Your reporter saw the boat and for what she is, she looks clean as a whistle. See Arthur Street Fishing Station for phone number.

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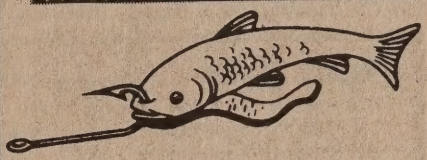

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Charter boat **Sea Hawk** called to tell us that on Saturday's trip, his party of six had 88 fat flounder fishing the flood in Cinder Creek. One fish was over 16 inches. Mussel and clam on the hook did the trick, plus corn chum and Dennis also stirred up the bottom with his anchor.

Tony on the **Miss Freeport** reports that Saturday saw good catches of flounders on his boat as evidenced by Dave, a regular from New Hyde Park who was high hook with 24 fish up to 1½ lbs. Worm and mussel baits were the ticket and Capt. Tony fished the local creeks around Freeport. Sunday's high hook in the strong winds and heavy chop was 14 fish, same area. Tony says more people should go fishing and if you don't, you'll be missing out on some great action as the fish are in thick.

The **Capt. Al** reports that Squaw Island produced excellent flounder fishing for the good crowds of fishermen on Friday and Saturday. The boat had a tie for high hook this past week. On Friday, Rudy Kohl had 42 nice sized flounder and Rod Rogers took 42 of the flatties on Saturday. Mussels are the bait to use at this time. With the price of mussels being high this year, Capt. Al says to throw the empty mussel shells overboard to attract the flounder and save the meat for bait.

The **Aloma II** reports that the boat has been doing an excellent job on the flounder population. On Friday,

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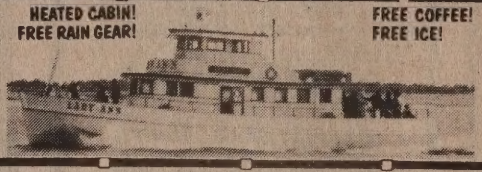

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catches of 5 to 8 flounder per person averaging 1¼ to 1½ lbs., were taken from Garrett's Lead. Pool fish ran up to 2 lbs. The winds over the weekend slowed fishing down, but Capt. Paul says the fishing will pick up once the weather gets a little calmer.

Charter boat **Ivory Queen** Captain Joe fished Al Kramer and party Saturday, decking 50 keepers up to 2 lbs., working Baldwin Bay, Swift Creek and Reynolds Channel. The wind didn't help things any and they had to work for these fish. Worms, mussels and clam on the hook, along with corn, mussel and rice chum.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports 150 keeper flounder on Tuesday by Tony Braski, Sr. and Jr., fishing off Guy Lombardo's, High Flats drain, and the Merrick Golf Course. They filled three, five-gallon pails. Tony's skiffs are averaging 50 to 60 fish on bloodworms and dyed clams and plain skimmers. Fish are biting on all tides and the action was super-duper.

Sea Isle Sports concurs that there is a super flounder season out there and that aside from the usual hotspots already mentioned for boat fishermen, very good catches are also being enjoyed by casters working off the Freeport Park Pier at the foot of South Long Beach Avenue.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports fantastic flounder fishing over the weekend. On Saturday, the station had the whole fleet out and average catches of 60 fish per boat were had, some catches ran over 125 flounder from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. The flats in Middle Bay are the place to go and clams and worms are the baits to use. On Sunday, half the fleet was out and anyone that braved the wind took more than two dozen flatties.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The New Eagle reports that fishing was slow over the weekend because of the high winds. The boat fished south of the Mud Hole for whiting, but the action was picky.

The **Atomic II** reports that on Friday whiting to 5 lbs. were taken fishing 17 miles south of the BA buoy. Catches averaged from 20 to 1/2 bushel per man. Saturday's fishing was slowed because of the winds.

The New Zephyr reports that Friday was a dynamite day for flounder fishing. The boat fished the mouth of the Navesink River in the early morning and fishermen were rewarded with an average catch of 18 flounder per person. Double-headers were taken and the fish averaged one pound or better. On Saturday, the fishing was tougher with catches averaging 10 to 12 flounder per person.

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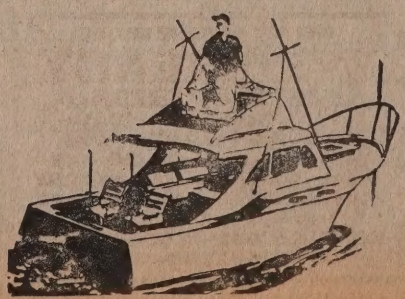

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ISLAND PARK

The Commodore reports good flounder fishing was had all week. On Saturday, Pete Dryck of Bayridge was high hook with 30 flounder and a pool fish of 2 lbs. 8 oz. Catches for the day averaged 20 fish per person. Good catches have been taken in the back bays, Hog Channel, Buoy 9 and in Reynolds Channel.

Beckmann's Tackle reports excellent flounder fishing over the weekend. Gary Poche and Bob Santos of Valley Stream fished the pier in North Woodmere Park on Saturday and returned to the station early for more bait after catching 25 flounder from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. One old-timer on the dock took 55 nice sized flounder. Bloodworms are the most effective bait right now and if you're out on a boat you can double your catch by using mussel or skimmer clam chum.

Steve and Joe on the Debra made an offshore trip Saturday and took a 38 lb. cod right off the bat. All hands immediately were hit with seasickness and shortly after returning to the dock behind Joe's house in Island park, they caught 15 flounder from the safety and stability of the same dock.

LONG BEACH

Mark at **Mark's Fishing Tackle** in Manhattan reports that Frank Novak of Manhattan caught 15 flounders fishing on the Long Beach Pier. Fish were between 1/4 to 1/2 lb., taken on mussels and worm.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Henning's Fishing Station reports fantastic flounder fishing was had on Saturday. Every boat that went out had plenty of flounder from 1 to 1¾ lbs., fishing Reynold's Channel with mussels, worms and skimmer clams.

Skip Upenieks and his daughter Pauline, of Brooklyn caught 105 flounders with 75 of them keepers. These fish ranged from 3/4 lbs. to 1-3/4 lbs., and were caught at the Silver Hole in Jamaica Bay. Photo courtesy of Mark's Fishing Tackle.

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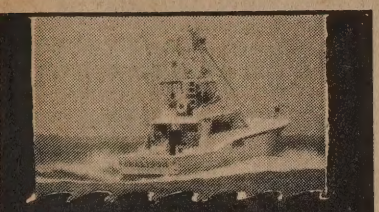

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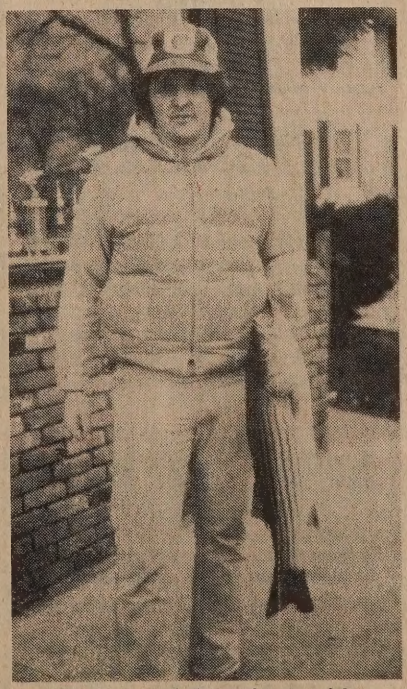
Capt. George Porter of the **Brand X** reports that big flounder are starting to be caught by the boats sailing out of Greenport which are working the areas around Shelter Island. Some fish are running over 2 lbs., with mussels on the hook working best. The Brand X starts sailing on Saturday, April 8 and George says come on down and enjoy some fast action in the fertile grounds he works.

The Wilhelric II reports that winds over the weekend slowed fishing. On Saturday, five people took 45 flounder averaging 1½ to 2 lbs., fishing Coecles Harbor.

SOUTHOLD

Peter at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reports that on Saturday, two boats fished Town Creek, one coming back with 19 flounder and the other with 7 flounder. Roger Pffeifer and family fished Coecles Harbor and took 37 flounder to 1½ lbs., on mussels and worms. On Sunday only nine boats were out and top catches of 23 flounder were taken at the mouth of Goose Creek.



Bill Olson of Greenlawn with a 22 lb. bass taken at the Lilco outflow in Northport. Sand worms were the bait. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

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AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reports flounder being taken at buoys 8 and 9 at the mouth of the river. The fish are taking sand worm and mussel bait and there are lots of throwbacks, but some nice flounder to 1¼ lbs. are being taken.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports some good flounder fishing inside the harbor. The old bridge in Setauket seems to be producing best. On Saturday four boats fished the area and catches of 15 to 40 flounder averaging 3/4 to 1¼ lbs., were taken along with lots of throwbacks.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports that flounder fishing is on the upswing. Practically everyone fishing the bank of the Nissequogue River on high water during Saturday afternoon had a few fish. Best catch of the weekend was brought in by Doug Oakland who had 20 fish to 1½ lbs. He was anchored in one of the deep holes, chummed with mussels and used sand worms for bait.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports that Saturday saw some beautiful flounder fishing. The fish are primarily being caught in the bay and harbor, but in about three weeks the flounder will hit the sound. Hotspots are the Town dock, off Scudder Beach and south of Duck Island. The fish are averaging 1 to 1½ lbs., with some 2 pounders and are being taken on sand worms and mussel chum. The bass at Lilco are starting to move out of the warm water and can be taken from the plant to Crabmeadow Beach on the incoming tide. The stripers are averaging 4 lbs., and are running up

to 7 lbs. and are hitting sand worm bait and small white lures.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don of the **Ever Ready** called to tell us of good flounder catches in his area. On Saturday, one of his fares, Joe Litrenta of Queens Village was high hook with 21 flounder. The pool went to Al Letavec of Dix Hills, with a 1¼ lb. fish. Don says a couple of hundred flounder were taken over the weekend using lots of mussel and corn chum with dyed clam and corn on the hooks. Fish ran from 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. Sunday's high winds put quantity down, but this did not stop Linda Prasnik from taking the pool with a **1¾ lb. fish and also being high hook** with 7 fish. Don says it looks like a great season.

Huntington Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing in Northport and Lloyd Harbor. Forty-year veteran Fred Hani said that the fish being taken now are the biggest and best he's seen in many a year. Sand worms are the bait and chumming with mussels is a must.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports good flounder fishing in Lloyd and Duck Harbor. These fish are averaging 3/4 lbs. and are running up to 2 lbs. and are being taken on sand worm and mussel bait and mussel chum. Bass are being taken at the Lilco outflow on sand worms up to 14 lbs., but most fish are averaging 3 to 4 lbs.

CITY ISLAND

John's Gun and Tackle reports flounder being taken in Oyster Bay up to 1 lb. City Island and Orchard Beach are producing flounder from 1½ to 3/4 lbs. These fish are taking sand worm, bloodworm, mussel and skimmer clam bait.

Jack's Bait and Tackle reports flounder being taken at the Lagoon in Orchard Beach up to ½ lb., on the last of the incoming and first of the outgoing tide. These fish are hitting sand and bloodworm bait. Oyster Bay boats are also doing well flounder fishing.

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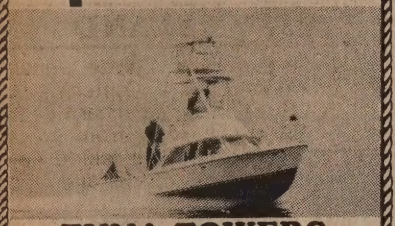

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If you are flounder fishing during cool weather, there will be little problem keeping your fish alive during the day with just a wet burlap bag. Just protect from direct sunlight and the effects of drying winds. It is only during those freakish warm spells we get in early spring when care must be taken. Of course, when the weather settles and stays warm, you will have to get out the old burlap bag or fish box.

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	6:45	7:06	7:33	7:55	7:23	7:45	8:19	8:36	10:47	11:06	10:11	10:31	6:32	6:54	4/6
FRI	7:28	7:48	8:19	8:37	8:08	8:28	9:04	9:21	11:31	11:45	10:58	11:14	7:18	7:37	4/7
SAT	8:10	8:27	9:02	9:19	8:51	9:09	9:47	10:03	—	12:10	11:41	11:56	8:00	8:21	4/8
SUN	8:52	9:07	9:44	10:01	9:36	9:55	10:28	10:45	12:17	12:45	—	12:24	8:44	9:03	4/9
MON	9:32	9:47	10:25	10:39	10:19	10:37	11:12	11:28	12:45	1:11	12:38	1:05	9:27	9:45	4/10
TUE	10:16	10:26	11:07	11:28	11:07	11:20	11:57	—	1:11	1:35	1:19	1:47	10:09	10:30	4/11
WED	10:58	11:09	11:53	—	11:54	—	12:13	12:47	1:44	2:12	2:03	2:32	10:57	11:18	4/12
THUR	11:46	11:54	12:09	12:40	12:05	12:41	1:01	1:40	2:25	2:52	2:47	3:20	11:47	—	4/13

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet..... —0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

4/1	5:43	6:25
4/6	5:35	6:31
4/11	5:27	6:36
4/16	5:19	6:42
4/21	5:11	6:48
4/26	5:03	6:53

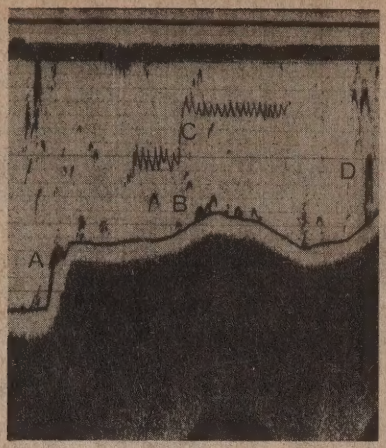
PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/7	4/15	4/23	4/29

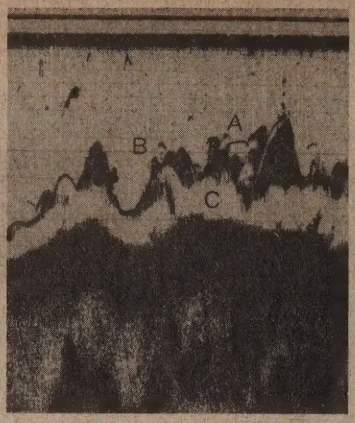
The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

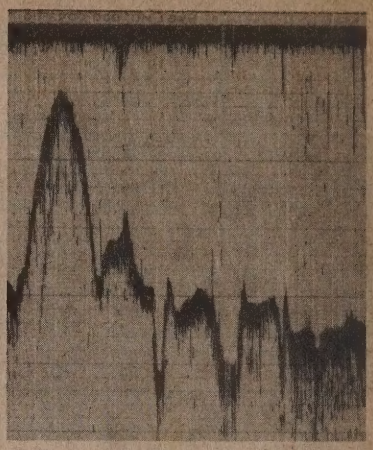
	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:10	**9:40**	3:35	**10:05**
Fri.	3:50	**10:25**	4:20	**10:50**
Sat.	4:35	**11:20**	5:05	**11:35**
Sun.	5:30	**—**	5:50	**12:15**
Mon.	6:30	**12:40**	6:50	**1:05**
Tues.	7:20	**1:30**	7:40	**1:55**
Wed.	8:10	**2:25**	8:35	**2:45**
Thurs.	9:00	**3:15**	9:25	**3:40**



(A) Drop-off. (B) Fish 6" off bottom. (C) Jigged lure. (D) Trees.



(A) Large boulders and rocks. (B) Fish on structure. (C) "White-line" feature.



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